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FBI's help sought; search continues



Photo provided by a family friend shows Mei Hua Zhao. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Police have sought the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other law enforcement agencies after failing to locate Mei Hua Zhao, a 25-year-old scuba diving instructor who was reported missing since Tuesday morning.

» **Husband appeals to law enforcers, people to locate his wife**
» **Missing scuba diving instructor described as loving person, very athletic**

Saipan Tribune learned that Zhao, a Chinese-Korean, owns Go Pro Diving that only opened its office in Gualo Rai last month. Her husband, Guang Zhe Xuan, manages the Go Pro Diving branch on Tinian that they set up in 2003 or 2004.

Xuan, 45, is president of Blue Ocean Tinian Corp., which owns Go Pro Diving.

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Kan Pacific: DPL's Pete A. broke his word

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Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio reneged on commitments made in 2013 to negotiate a new lease for Kan Pacific's Mariana Resort and Hotel property in Marpi, according to a Kan Pacific document released yesterday. At the same time, the hotel says Open Government Act-requested letters now reveal that Best Sunshine

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E-Land unveils master plan for Saipan



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SEOUL, S. Korea—A grand six-star hotel, a luxury village, and a lavish shopping mall—these are just some of Korea-based company E-Land Group is planning for Saipan in the years ahead.

» **Company plans to bring in new features, duty-free concession**

The company's three-stage plan was announced to members of the Saipan media in a press conference headed by E-Land vice chair Sky Park in one of

Senior E-Land executives led by vice chair Sky Park and chief executive officer for hotel and leisure business Seong-Min Kang present the company's plans for its properties on Saipan at a press conference held in Seoul, South Korea.

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their offices here in Seoul.

This is the first time that E-Land has held an official press conference about their upcoming projects that will benefit the Commonwealth. Marianas

Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio attended the event.

"I am dreaming about our big picture [on] Saipan destination and we

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Most of E-Land's food businesses are buffets and an example is their top brand, Ashley Queens.

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Academy to offer allied health courses

Based on the success of its Hotel & Hospitality Certification courses, the Latte Training Academy Inc. will begin offering allied health courses in the CNMI. The organization's recent partnership with the Guam Marianas Training Center will expand the program offerings that the organization will host. The course expansions include courses to be a Certified Nursing Assistant, Certified Pharmacy Technician, a Certified Medical Billing & Coding Specialist, or a Certified Phlebotomy Technician. All courses will prepare students for national certifications through the National Healthcareer Association and the American Medical Certification Association.

"We are extremely excited to begin working with the fine

folks at the Guam Marianas Training Center and begin offering the variety of allied health courses to members of our community. With the continued need to prepare our workforce to address the impending labor transition, we believe that this partnership is a strategic way to ensure that we have an adequate labor pool in the critical area of health care," said LTA secretary Tina Palacios.

The organization, which began offering courses through the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute for in the summer of 2014, plans on the continued expansion of its programs. The board of directors will begin assessing the need and demand for the course offerings it currently offers through its job placement efforts following completion of

its courses.

"Although we want to ensure that we diversify our course offerings, it is important for us to offer courses that result in the gainful employment of our participants. The training component is only one piece of the puzzle and as an organization, we would rather be judged on the success that our students have as a result of completing one of our career readiness programs," said LTA treasurer Erick Van Der Maas.

Participants who qualify for funding through the CNMI Department of Labor's Workforce Investment Agency program are encouraged to register for the upcoming courses by visiting www.lattetrainingacademy.com or through contacting their case managers at the Department of Labor. (LTA)

Free fax options for Soudelor survivors

Typhoon Soudelor survivors on Saipan who need to get documents to the Federal Emergency Management Agency have several places where they can do so free of charge.

When the joint CNMI/FEMA Disaster Recovery Center in Susupe closed earlier this month, the CNMI

began arranging locations that would provide this service to survivors. That list currently stands at four:

- Saipan Mayor's Office (Beach Road, Chalan Laulau; 7:30am-4:30pm weekdays)
- IT&E, TSL Plaza (Beach Road, Garapan; 8am-4:30pm weekdays)
- IT&E Customer Service

(Middle Road, Chalan Laulau; 8am-4:30pm weekdays)

■ Joeten Kiyu Public Library (Beach Road, Susupe; 7:30am-4:30pm weekdays)

FEMA applicants faxing documents will be doing so to a toll-free number, and these locations will not charge them anything to use their fax machines. (FEMA)

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Amended order charges Langu with sex assault in first degree

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday amended his order to find probable cause to charge George Norris Langu Jr., 18, with sexual assault in the first degree for allegedly raping his 16-year-old neighbor.

Camacho ordered Langu to answer the charge in addition to the charges of burglary, assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and criminal mischief, which the court already found probable cause for at the Sept. 15 preliminary hearing.

The judge issued the amended order during yesterday's hearing on the government's motion for the trial court to reconsider its dismissal of the charge of sexual assault in the first degree at the preliminary hearing.

Assistant attorneys general Barbara Cepeda and Matthew Baisley appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit appeared as counsel for Langu.

Camacho initially dismissed the first-degree sexual assault charge during the preliminary hearing on Sept. 15, citing what he said was a loophole in the sex crime laws. The government filed the petition for mandamus that asked the high court to instruct Camacho to reinstate the charge. Last week, the CNMI Supreme Court ruled that Camacho erred by dismissing the sexual assault in the first degree charge based on the ages of the offender and victim. The justices directed Camacho to reconsider his previous order.

In his amended order yesterday, Camacho said in the Superior Court, there are five judges, each with his or her slight different interpretation of what has been referred to as the "Romeo and Juliet exception" in sex crime laws. As the highest court in the CNMI jurisdiction, the CNMI Supreme Court rulings have the constitutional force of judicially created law, Camacho said.

He agreed that when cases

are decided based on statutory or judicially created law, then the innocent will not suffer or the guilty will not escape.

"Each judge is duty bound to follow the law—statutory or judicially created," he pointed out.

Camacho cited that in 2014, when a similar issue regarding the "Romeo and Juliet exception" arose in the criminal case against William Atalig Jr., the prosecution simply dropped the matter.

He said a year later, newly elected Attorney General Edward Manibusan and assistant attorney general Baisley pursued the issue in Langu's case to clarify the interpretation that split the Superior Court.

"Rightly so, as a very young Commonwealth there are vast areas of law with gaps that require enactment of rules or rulings from the Supreme Court. We continue to add to the CNMI body of law," Camacho said.

He said he appreciates the CNMI Supreme Court's quick action in Langu's case.

He said the high court's ruling basically abolishes the "Romeo and Juliet Exception."

The prosecution, the judge noted, can now charge sexual assault in the first degree when an 18, 19, 20 year-old has sex with a 16- or 17-year-old with or without consent.

Camacho noted that at the preliminary hearing, police detective Catherine Pangelinan testified that when the 18-year-old Langu was sexually assaulting the 16-year-old girl, also present in the bedroom was her 27-year-old boyfriend.

Camacho said Pangelinan testified that the girl admitted to having had consensual sex with her 27-year-old boyfriend.

The judge said Pangelinan testified that the grandmother of the girl has repeatedly called the Division of Youth Services to come and arrest the boyfriend.

"To date, there have been no charges filed against the 27-year-old boyfriend of the 16-year-old girl," Camacho said.

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FBI

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ing. The couple has a 6-year-old son who was born on Tinian. At present, the boy lives in China.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Xuan stated that he and his wife have no major problems and that he has no clue on her whereabouts.

At a news briefing yesterday, Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero said they are reaching out to the FBI and other state and federal law enforcement agencies for increased collaboration in terms of being able to identify and locate Zhao.

In an interview at his shop in Gualo Rai, Xuan said he is

hoping that his wife is safe and that police would find her. He also asked the public to help them find her.

Xuan disclosed that his last communication with Zhao was on Monday afternoon when she called him on Tinian, saying she's already at their shop in Gualo Rai after a diving excursion with customers.

Xuan said a tour guide called him on Tuesday at about 9am because Zhao did not show up to pick up customers for a scheduled dive tour.

He said he then called Zhao, to no avail. Xuan then sent a friend to DPS Central to file a missing person report. He then decided to come to Saipan on Tuesday at 2:30pm.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Jason Tarkong

said yesterday that the search continues and that they cannot confirm if there is a foul play involved in Zhao's disappearance.

Tarkong said a 56-year-old Chinese man walked to the DPS front desk on Tuesday at 10:44am to report that Zhao was missing. The man stated that Zhao's husband is on Tinian and is worried because Zhao was not returning his phone calls and is missing.

Tarkong said police learned that Zhao and another Chinese male tour agent took six Chinese tourists to Laulau Bay for diving on Monday. The diving finished at 5pm. After 47 minutes, Zhao called her husband, Xuan, telling him that the dive went well.

The next morning, Tuesday,

Zhao was supposed to pick up some customers for diving but she did not show up.

Tarkong said Xuan tried several times to call her, but could not contact her.

Tarkong said Xuan then instructed his friend to report her missing to DPS police.

Patrol officers checked the couple's residence in Gualo Rai and canvassed the Laulau Bay area, but her car was nowhere to be found.

Police detectives met with Xuan, who arrived on Saipan Tuesday afternoon, at DPS Central and escorted him back to his house/dive shop in Gualo Rai.

Tarkong said at 3:37pm on Tuesday, Chinese friends discovered Zhao's white 2015 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck

with license plate ACW-383 parked behind Joker's Bar, which is near McDonald's/Mobil gas station in Garapan.

Saipan Tribune learned that Joker's Bar has been closed since Typhoon Soudelor pummeled the island last Aug. 2.

Tarkong said police towed the truck, which was locked when it was found, and secured it as evidence for processing.

"I can't comment on what's in the car," he said.

Tarkong urged the public to assist DPS and Crime Stoppers in locating Zhao.

Deleon Guerrero said they treat every single missing persons report that comes to the department with the highest priority.

Deleon Guerrero said from

the time it was reported, investigators were immediately notified and they had been out all throughout the night working in an attempt to locate Zhao.

The commissioner encouraged anyone who has information on Zhao's whereabouts to call 911 because Crime Stoppers has no coordinator to entertain their call if it's in the middle of the night.

If the tipster wants to remain anonymous, the Crime Stoppers hotline is always available, Deleon Guerrero said.

Meanwhile, a neighbor of the couple on Tinian described Zhao as a "very warm and loving person."

"She does not do drugs and is very athletic," according to Christina Zuccaro.

KAN PACIFIC

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International, Ltd. made specific and expressed requests months after new lease negotiations began to acquire their own lease of the Kan Pacific property in Marpi.

In June this year, DPL announced its decision to seek competitive bids for the Mariana Resort property, whose current lease expires in 2018.

The Kan Pacific document—a letter sent to Tenorio yesterday—describes a timeline of events between DPL and Kan Pacific that suffered an "apparent interruption," blamed on Best Sunshine's aggressive pursuit of public lands to meet construction and project mandates as Saipan's exclusive casino licensee.

The letter, from Kan Pacific lawyer Joseph J. Iacopino, cites OGA-obtained letter from Aug. 4, 2014, that showed that Best Sunshine "specifically requested a lease of the Mariana Resort property."

The letter was from Terence Tay of Best Sunshine to Tenorio, according to Iacopino.

"Since that time, the DPL discontinued efforts to enter into a subsequent lease with Kan Pacific," Iacopino said.

He cited another Aug. 22, 2014, letter from Tay to DPL, as follows: "On August 4, 2014, we submitted our Proposal to Lease Public Lands, more specifically, the public lands in Marpi that are currently being leased by Kan Pacific, Ltd."

"Given mandates of Public Law 18-56 and the casino license agreement, we are left with no choice but to aggressively pursue available lands on Saipan where we can build Phase 1 of the integrated resort," Tay's letter stated.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to obtain comments from Tenorio yesterday. Calls to his cellphone were not answered.

Saipan Tribune also contacted Best Sunshine chief operating officer Matt Harkness' office yesterday, but no comments were provided as of press time.

It's unclear right now if draft lease agreements were ever entertained between DPL and Best Sunshine for the Marpi property, or if a monetary offer was ever made. This was posed in an email to Harkness' office yesterday.

For their part, Kan Pacific submitted proposals with up to \$75 million in added investments for a 25-year lease, while lease negotiations were

ongoing, according to emails cited in Iacopino's letter.

Failure to issue notice

Iacopino was responding to a letter from Tenorio to Kan Pacific on Monday, which claimed that DPL was constitutionally prohibited from entering into a new lease with Mariana Resort until after their current 40-year lease expires in 2018.

But Iacopino argues that the property will not automatically revert to the government.

"At least five years before the expiration of the lease extension term, the lessor shall inform the lessee whether it intends to initiate the transition of the management of the facilities to lessor," Iacopino writes, quoting a provision of the DPL/Kan Pacific lease agreement.

This provision amendment was made in March 2003 between DPL's predecessor, the Marianas Public Land Authority, and Kan Pacific.

"DPL was contractually obligated to give notice of intent," Iacopino said. "However, such notice was not given, the deadline passed and, instead of giving such notice, DPL encouraged Kan Pacific to enter into subsequent lease with another 40-year term."

Iacopino said in the absence of this notice, DPL is in no position to issue bids for the resort property. Such a bid would constitute a "breach" of the lease agreement by the government, he said.

Not good business practice

Iacopino also responded to Tenorio's claim that the CNMI Constitution requires the reversion of "all lands and improvements to the government" before negotiating a second lease.

"This source of this quoted language is not specified in your letter but it is clear that it is not taken from the CNMI Constitution or from any applicable CNMI statute," Iacopino said.

This policy would be "neither practical, nor logical and would be quite inconsistent with the actions already taken by DPL."

"Waiting until the expiration of a lease to commence negotiations would not be practical or logical because it would necessarily result in too much uncertainty about the future of a property," Iacopino said. This would have "undesirable potential of creating a gap between" the current tenant and the next, which would result in

loss of rents and taxes, he said.

"In regard to the Mariana Resort property, the DPL has already clearly demonstrated that there is no need to wait until the expiration of a lease to start negotiations. The DPL actually started negotiations as of May 2013."

His letter describes the following timeline of letters and meetings:

■ On May 16, 2013, Tenorio writes a letter titled "Soliciting Expression of Interest to Extend Current Leasehold on Public Land where Your Hotel is Located." The letter sought the extension of hotel leases for up to 25 to 40 years "instead of turning in your leasehold to the CNMI government upon its expiration," Tenorio writes.

"The DPL is offering hotel owners an opportunity for extension of their leases," Tenorio said.

■ On May 20, 2013, Kan Pacific president Yoshihiro Kitami writes backs in the affirmative, advising that they wish to continue their services as Mariana Resort and Spa. Hotel general manager Gloria Cavanagh also responds affirmatively.

■ On May 29, 2013, Tenorio thanks Kan Pacific for their response to "DPL's plan to offer advance approval" of leases

nearing their expiration date.

■ In January 2014, Kan Pacific officials meet with DPL to discuss plans for the subsequent lease, and DPL requests for formal notice for a termination of the existing lease in exchange for a 25-year lease.

■ On Jan. 21, 2014, Kitami gives the formal notice in a letter to Tenorio to terminate the current lease "in exchange for a new 25-year lease to the same land area."

■ On Jan. 28, 2014, Tenorio acknowledges the letter and advises Kan Pacific to begin talks "leading toward a new lease agreement."

■ On June 10, 2014, Kan Pacific sends an email to DPL with a first draft of the lease agreement.

■ On June 11, 2014, DPL replies to the email, stating their hope that Kan Pacific will invest in improvements "as soon as possible, which is why DPL offered to enter a new lease..."

■ On or about Aug. 4, 2014, Kan Pacific submits an initial proposal for \$30 million in added investment, as a response. Kan Pacific also later submitted an amended proposal for \$75 million.

Best Sunshine was awarded its exclusive casino license in July 2014. Tay's letter followed in August.

E-LAND

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would like to work with the CNMI government to make Saipan the most visited destination in the world," Park said in Korean, translated by director of sales and marketing Ted Jung.

Stage 1

Under its Saipan master plan, Stage 1 of the project includes the renovation of the former Palms Resort Saipan and its rebranding as the Kensington Hotel, as well as adding features to their current operating hotels, Coral Ocean Point and Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

Kensington Hotel, which will be a six-star hotel, will include a water park, condo-

minium, and luxury villas.

In keeping with Kensington brand standards, the Saipan hotel will have its own theme, which will be marine cruise, to tie in with the hotel's existing structure. It will have an infinity pool, a terrace restaurant shaped like a boat docked beside the pool, as well as a tropical garden.

The renovation of the property will cost between \$50 million and \$60 million and E-Land says they will have a soft opening in May next year. A grand opening will be held the following month.

E-Land earlier said they will reopen in December of this year but their project was postponed due to the challenges faced by the CNMI in recent months following Typhoon Soude-

lor, wherein they also suffered about \$4 million in damage.

New features will be added to Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio as well as in Coral Ocean Point. Park said COP will have a stepping pool, individual villas with private pools, and an indoor and outdoor spa village.

E-Land said they are targeting 2018 to finish their Stage 1 projects.

Stage 2

For Stage 2, E-Land is looking at developing parts of San Antonio village as well as schools.

In their presentation, E-Land showed their San Antonio master plan that will include a water park and water theme resort.

They are in discussions with the Public School System with regards to renovating school fa-

cilities. E-Land's plan includes renovating San Antonio Elementary School and Hopwood Jr. High School.

Another highlight of the group's Stage 2 development is duty free shopping and shopping malls.

E-Land revealed that they are interested in and has submitted a letter of intent to bid for the master concession agreement to operate facilities at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport to sell duty-free merchandise.

"We delivered the letter to the [Commonwealth Ports Authority]," E-Land chief executive officer for hotel and leisure business Seong-Min Kang said, as translated by Jung.

"E-Land has been in contact with CPA and we are processing

and standing by for the following steps," Kang added.

Just last month, the CPA board, in a 4-2 vote, decided to bid out the master concession currently held by Duty Free Saipan/T-Galleria at the airport.

With this in the works, E-Land is also looking into renovating the abandoned La Fiesta Mall and turning it into a luxury shopping center.

Aside from hotel brands, E-Land has 150 clothing brands and 50 branches of department stores and outlets.

E-Land is targeting 2021 to accomplish these projects in the CNMI.

Stage 3

The third stage of E-Land's development in the Commonwealth will include a

luxury village that will be built on a cliff or hillside. Among other future developments includes establishment of an eco-adventure theme park, a business convention, a marine theme village, a Chamorro theme village, and a Santorini pool village.

E-Land said they hope to accomplish these by 2030, barring challenges and circumstances.

With all these developments within 15 years, the group did not give a price tag or even a ballpark figure on how much their total investment in the CNMI will be.

Although their plans are centered on Saipan, E-Land said they are also open-minded about opportunities on Tinian and Rota.

Judge: 90-day jail term for habitual offender too lenient

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has found too lenient the government's proposal to impose a 90-day prison term on a repeat offender who is accused of punching and biting his girlfriend.

In rejecting the proposed plea deal yesterday, Camacho said a 90-day prison sentence has no rehabilitative effect in light of Denmar Malabanan's past criminal cases.

He said Malabanan did not learn from his past cases or past criminal convictions.

"Taking into consideration

defendant's past criminal cases, a 90-day jail sentence also fails to have any deterrence or retribution effect," the judge said.

The Office of the Attorney General charged the 27-year-old Malabanan with assault and battery and disturbing the peace for allegedly beating and kicking his girlfriend, leaving her with bruises on her face, a bleeding nose, bite marks on her shoulder and other injuries.

The beating arose because Malabanan allegedly did not want his girlfriend to move out of his home last Sept. 13.

The charges carry a maximum sentence of one year and six months in prison.

The proposed plea agreement—hammered out between Malabanan's counsel, assistant public defender Tillman Clark, and assistant attorney general

Emily Cohen—would have Malabanan pleading guilty to assault and battery.

In rejecting the proposed deal, Camacho said its terms basically allow Malabanan to again escape serving any significant prison time. He said this would

send the message that repeat offenders can continue to break the law because they will not face any lengthy jail sentence.

Notwithstanding the court's rejection of the proposed plea deal, the judge said that Malabanan is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

A bench trial set for Oct. 26, 2015, will proceed.

Last February, Malabanan was slapped with a 17-day prison term after he pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace. He was given credit for 17 days of time served.

Malabanan was also charged with sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree in 2010.

In 2007, the defendant pleaded guilty to robbery. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Trial of alleged burglar continues

A Superior Court jury trial continued yesterday in the case against notorious habitual offender Ramon Cabrera Blas, who is accused of burglarizing an apartment complex and stealing a couple's jewelry, money, and other items worth \$22,875.

The government called to the witness stand police detective Catherine Pangelinan, who basically narrated to the court their investigation that led to the search of Blas' residence and his arrest in November 2014.

Pangelinan testified that among the items they recovered at Blas' house was a necklace that belonged to one of the victims.

Pangelinan also disclosed that Blas confessed committing the crimes and even led her and other investigators to the locations where he hid other stolen items.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom yesterday shortly before noon, the detective was still on the witness stand.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas and acting

prosecutor Chester Hinds are prosecuting the case. Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig and assistant public defender Michael Sato are counsels for Blas.

Associate Judge Theresa Kim-Tenorio is presiding over the trial.

Pangelinan stated in her report that Blas burglarized the couple's apartment unit owned by retired Superior Court judge Juan T. Lizama on Aug. 21 and Nov. 9, 2014.

Last June, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman imposed a three-year imprisonment sentence on 56-year-old Blas for violating his probation.

Wiseman reiterated the court's position—as stated at several other hearings for Blas and also mentioned by the government—that the defendant "is a continuing menace to our community" and should be incapacitated or isolated from society by remaining in prison. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

As Lito water main break results in emergency temporary water outage

A major water line break along Chalan Monsignor Martinez yesterday morning left Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in the surrounding areas without water service.

CUC water customers served by the San Vicente reservoir lost service Wednesday morning when the 4-inch water main burst in front of the former Movie Station in As Lito. The pipe carries the water pumped from the As Lito well system to the San Vicente reservoir.

The section of 4-inch PVC pipe along Chalan Monsignor

Martinez was initially exposed by runoff water that eroded the side of As Lito's main thoroughfare. The pipe became dislodged yesterday, prompting emergency repair efforts in the afternoon by CUC's contractor, AIC.

While no timeline is available for the completion of repairs, acting executive director John Riegel believes full water service will be restored to the affected areas today, Oct. 22.

For more information about the project, contact the Customer Call Center (664-4282). (*CUC*)

Public warned of hazardous surf today

A large swell from distant Typhoon Champi will generate hazardous surf for the Marianas the next couple of days, according to the CNMI Emergency Operation Center.

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 6am Friday. Surf will remain hazardous at 7 to 9 feet along both west and north facing reefs today, Thursday. Surf is expected to fall below hazardous levels tonight.

A small craft advisory for hazardous seas remains in effect until 6pm this evening. Seas are expected to subside to between 7 and 9 feet, which is below advisory levels, this evening.

The general public is being advised to avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, exercise caution especially those facing south and west as rip currents will be life threatening. (*HSEM*)

Library to reopen after Soudelor damage

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Saipan's state library, the Joeten Kiyu Public Library, has been closed to the public since Typhoon Soudelor hit the island in August.

After almost three months, the library in Susupe will reopen for the first time next Tuesday, Oct. 27, according to acting

library director Erlinda Naputi.

Naputi said the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. was able to reenergize the library last Oct. 11.

Despite this, JKPL will operate with limited services and hours.

Naputi said the library will be open on Tuesdays through Fridays from 1pm to 6pm and on Saturdays from 9am to 2pm.

She added that JKPL's total damage is still being assessed. Among the library's exterior and interior damage are its torn roof, resulting in major leaks; some books also got ruined. Molds were also a problem.


"Damage is still being assessed. Besides structural damage, some of our computers, monitors, and backup batteries

are no longer able to function," Naputi said.

Penalties for those who weren't able to return overdue books in July and August will be waived. Fines will also be waived for library materials that were due in July and August.

"Patrons with library materials that are currently checked out are advised to return them," Naputi added.

For more information, call the library at 235-7322 / 7316.



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Yes, the US can leave Afghanistan

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The narrative that we're leaving Afghanistan is self-defeating," Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter announced last week, in justifying the latest course change in U.S. policy toward that country. "We're not, we can't, and to do so would not be to take advantage of the success we've had to date."

Set aside the Defense secretary's dubious reference to the "success" that the United States has achieved in Afghanistan since our intervention there began 14 years ago. The real question is what Carter means when he says the U.S. "can't" leave.

The U.S. is a great power, priding itself in particular on its putative preeminence in the military realm. Power enables a nation to act or to refrain from acting as its interests and its values may require. As Thucydides famously put it, "The strong do what they can and the weak suffer what they must." In short, power confers—or should confer—choice.

Americans should wonder how it is that the United States today acts from an absence of choice, as Carter acknowledges in his revealing remark. Why is it that we "can't" leave?

Answering that question requires appreciating the fix in which the United States finds itself, not only in Afghanistan but also in Iraq, where a war once said to have ended has resumed with a vengeance. In both countries, U.S. military policy has met with profound failure. After overthrowing the established order, U.S. forces attempted in each to restore stability while vowing to create a flourishing new order advertised as both humane and democratic. Yet in Afghanistan and Iraq alike, despite vast expenditures and very considerable sacrifice, those efforts never came close to fruition, even as they exhausted the willingness of the American people to do more.

Even today, however, few in Washington will own up to the magnitude and implications of those twin failures. The fact that senior officials from both parties, along with a succession of high-ranking military officers, share in responsibility for the various misjudgments and miscalculations made along the way helps to sustain an atmosphere of collective denial. Members of the national security establishment to which Carter belongs—he is the fifth Defense secretary to have presided over these ongoing conflicts—have a common interest in diverting attention from just how badly they have screwed up.

So the decision to retain 9,800 U.S. troops in Afghanistan beyond the Obama administration's previously announced deadline for withdrawal qualifies less as a noteworthy shift in policy than as an attempt to conceal the utter absence of any policy worthy of the name. Does anyone seriously think that what President Barack Obama describes as a "modest but meaningful extension of our presence" will bring hostilities in Afghanistan to a favorable conclusion, when years of effort by a much larger contingent could not accomplish that goal?

What we have here is temporizing dressed up in policy drag. It is a gesture designed to convey an appearance of purposefulness to an enterprise whose actual purpose has long since vanished in the mists of time.

Having inherited from his predecessor two wars begun in 2001

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Bash Kissinger but not Obama?

Most Americans still think of Barack Obama as a foreign policy idealist. That is certainly how he presents himself: Just replay the tape of his recent speech to the United Nations General Assembly.

Some argue, he said, "for a return to the rules that applied for most of human history ... the belief that power is a zero-sum game; that might makes right; that strong states must impose their will on weaker ones; that the rights of individuals don't matter; and that in a time of rapid change, order must be imposed by force."

The president said he would much rather "work with other nations under the mantle of international norms and principles and law." He prefers "resolving disputes through international law, not the law of force."

Yet that speech ended oddly. Having berated both Russia and Iran for their misdeeds, Obama invited them to work with him to resolve the Syrian civil war. "Realism," he concluded, "dictates that compromise will be required to end the fighting and ultimately stamp out ISIL."

Wait—realism? Isn't that the hard-nosed—not to say amoral—approach to foreign policy commonly associated with Henry Kissinger?

Having spent much of the last decade writing a life of Kissinger, I no longer think of the former secretary of State as the heartless grandmaster of realpolitik. (That's a caricature.) But after reading countless critiques of his record, not least the late Christopher Hitchens' influential "Trial of Henry Kissinger," I also find myself asking another question: Where are the equivalent critiques of Obama?

Hitchens' case against Kissinger, which is as grandiloquent as it is thinly documented, can be summed up as follows: He was implicated in the killing of civilians through the bombing of Cambodia and North Vietnam. He failed to prevent massacres in Bangladesh and East Timor. He fomented a military coup in Chile. Also on Hitchens' charge sheet: the wiretapping of colleagues.

In history, no two cases are alike. The Cold War is over. The technology of the 2010s is a lot more sophisticated than the technology of the 1970s. Still, this president's record makes one itch to read "The Trial of Barack Obama."

Take the administration's enthusiastic use of drones, a key feature of Obama's shift from counterinsurgency to counter-terrorism. According to figures from the Bureau of Investigative Journalism, drone strikes authorized by the Obama administration have killed 3,570 to 5,763 people in Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia and Afghanistan, of whom 400 to 912 were civilians and at least 82 were children.

And those are just the strikes by unmanned aircraft. The Oct. 3 attack on an Afghan hospital run by Doctors Without Borders is a reminder that U.S. pilots also stand accused of killing civilians, not only in Afghanistan but also (since August 2014) in Iraq and Syria. One estimate puts the civilian victims of the U.S.-led air war against Islamic State at 450.

This is a lawyerly administration, so it insists on the legality of

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its actions, even when drones kill U.S. citizens. But not everyone is convinced. In the words of Amnesty International, "U.S. drone strike policy appears to allow extrajudicial executions in violation of the right to life, virtually anywhere in the world."

Critics such as Hitchens also hold Kissinger accountable for lives lost as an indirect result of U.S. policy. So what about the number of lives lost as an indirect result of Obama's policy in the Middle East, where he helped topple a dictator in Libya but failed to do so in Syria? Estimates vary, but the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights puts the death toll of the Syrian civil war at 330,000, of whom nearly 112,000 have been civilians.

And let's not forget Egypt, where Abdel Fattah el-Sissi has restored a military dictatorship. In 2013, el-Sissi's first year in power, Egyptian courts handed out 464 death sentences. This year former President Mohamed Morsi—democratically elected in June 2012 and overthrown 13 months later—was sentenced to hang, along with more than 90 other Muslim Brotherhood members. Yet Obama restored U.S. military aid to Egypt in March. Help me out here: In what way does Gen. El-Sissi differ from Gen. Pinochet?

As for wiretapping, there really is no contest. Kissinger is said to have bugged 13 government officials and four reporters. Edward Snowden's revelations make it clear that Obama is in a different league. On his watch, the National Security Agency collected not only the metadata of phone calls by 120 million Verizon subscribers but also—thanks to the PRISM surveillance program—the content of email, voice, text and video chats of an unknown number of Americans. Between April 2011 and March 2012, according to an internal NSA audit leaked by Snowden, there were 2,776 breaches of the rules supposedly governing surveillance of citizens and foreigners in the U.S.

There is disenchantment with Obama's foreign policy these days. In recent polls, nearly half of Americans (49.3 percent) disapprove of it, compared with fewer than 38 percent who approve. I suspect, however, that many disapprove for the wrong reasons. The president is widely seen, especially on the right, as weak. In my view, his strategy is flawed, but there is no doubting his ruthlessness when it comes to executing it.

As Hitchens surely would observe if he were still around, a great many liberals today apply a double standard when they judge the foreign policies of Nobel Peace Prize laureates Henry Kissinger and Barack Obama. If you think Kissinger didn't deserve his Nobel, then neither did Obama.

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Chepchup Lina`la`

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Gi un` konbetsasion yan un` menhalom na primuhu, hu mensiona na hu huñgog pot dies segundu komplidu silensiu ni muna` senchatsaga siñienteghu. Hu susedi este ya esta pa`gu ha estototbayu` pot ti anog kau i mamamaila` mauleg pat tailaye para iya Marianas.

Kasi guiya este i finu` manamku` “Chepchup Linala” `nai pot dies sigundu kulan hau prefektu tañga ya sige umensinahya un` keketuñgu` haf` masusesedi. Estotbu na sinisedi ya mas ha estotbayu` i esta tres biahe hafatoigue hit ira ni chumalapon ha`anita sin ditension.

Kau guaha mas tailaye na ira mamamaila` fuera de matai sisteman komunikasion yan dos pagyu? Guaha `nai in` hassu haf` mohon mamamaila` para estake u fagpu` este na sakan? Mampos ha estotbayu` i siniseden “chepchup linala” `nai silensiu mampos hiniñgoghu pot dies segundu. Mananayuyoty` na ti kastigu para hita.

Pot fabot na guaha tiempon miyu manmanayuyot estake kulan manasegurau hit na todū felis para mona gi 2015 `sino pa`gu na sakan. Chegue pot satbasion todū!

Pagan: Liyañg Guelu

Gi un konbetsasion ha mensiona un` tiuhu sineda`ña liyañg antigu gi kanton tasi giya Pagan. Ti bai` diskute manu guatu. Era, ume`epupulu `nai ha soda` un` potta ni humanau halom gi liyañg. Dañkulu na liyañg ni sumen gasgas.

Ilegña na todū kosas yan trastes antigu manma-aregla propiu gi sagan niha. I satgen unai sumen gasgas. Kulan mohon mangaige ha` gi halom liyañg i mangelota pot ni unu anog. Bonitu na lugat yan sagradu kumu lugat espiritun mangelota.

Piniloña i amiguhu na libregue` bumisita i lugat maseha ñgai`an `nai malagu`. `Nai mattu i batko ginen Saipan, ha kone` unu na amko` para u fanu`e` ni sineda`ña liyañg. Taigue i petta `nai humalomgue` un` mes antes. Puru ha` kunanaf alalag yan ñiete. Taya` potta. Kasi mana` abag i amiguhu. Espiritun guelu humuchom i pettan i liyañg!

Esta nina` titisu pilun kanaiña `nai sige ha sañgan haf` lini`e`ña gi halom liyañg. Guaha `nai matman haf` na para umachoma` bimirague` tatte. Che`chu` guelu ya kasi mas kombene ke para umadestrosia i lugat.

YES

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and 2003, respectively, Obama will bequeath those same two wars to the person who will succeed him as president in 2017. It is incumbent upon Americans to contemplate the implications of this disturbing fact. By their very endlessness, the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq constitute a judgment on American statecraft, one further compounded by the chaos now enveloping large swaths of the Islamic world. Here are the consequences that stem from misunderstanding military power and misusing a military instrument once deemed unstoppable.

Only by owning up to the mindless failure of U.S. military efforts since 9/11 does it become possible to restore real choice. Alternatives to open-ended war waged on the other side of the globe do exist. Contrary to Carter's lame insistence, the United States can leave Afghanistan. Protecting Americans from the relatively modest threat posed by the Taliban or al-Qaida or the Islamic State—or all three combined for that matter—does not require the permanent stationing of U.S. forces in the Islamic world, especially given the evidence that the presence of American troops there serves less to pacify than to provoke.

In the end, it comes down to interests and values. The primary U.S. interest at stake is self-defense, which in this instance can be best achieved by erecting effective barriers against terrorism here at home. And should our values dictate that we attempt to alleviate the suffering of Afghans (and Iraqis), then honesty requires an admission that our efforts have succeeded only in making matters worse. When it comes to philanthropy, military might tends to be of negligible utility.

Carter is dead wrong. What's self-defeating is the fraudulent narrative of no choice that he insists on perpetuating.

Guiya ayu na lugat `nai chetton inatanhu gi minachom atdau. I ligan potput alalag estaba deste sanpapa` esta`i sanhilu`. Hu atan dispues hulu` i hegsu` gi katan plaset Regusa pot ayu sessu i amighu `nai hali`e` achon guelu antes gi minachom atdau. Era ha supopone na kareran para u fan lulai.

`Nai taya` lini`e`hu chumaleg tuyanyu` pot imbelekeria. Hana` hassu finu` man-amko`: “Yangin para hagu siempre u fattu”. Seru! Kontodu kinine`hu medianu na ayuyu masohgue gi bira birada. Mamatkiluyu`!

Despedida: Hu deside para bai` pega lapeshu papa` entre mediū `sino uttimon otu sakan. Presisu na baina` fonhayan tumuge` dos lepbu: unu gi finu` Chamorro i otu Eñgls.

I primet pot “estoriata” guine siha na islas entalu` morat `sino grasiu na finapos. Finu` tanu` pot para ta abiba usun liñguahe, kuttura yan tradision Chamorro.

Pot ihemplo: Un` saina ha taitai un` estoria ginen este na lepbu. Gi karera mona `nai ha petsige fumana`gue famaguoña finu` Chamorro siempre ha hassu tinaitaiña lepbu pot estoriata. Ha espiha tatte ennau a lepbu para u introduce gi famaguon. Estague` puntoña matuge` komplidu finu` Chamorro i primet lepbu: sineyu` usun haf` naturat yan ma`ug gi sustansian Chamorro.

I segundu pot asunto-ta siha gi mafotman amtau na disposicion pot para tana` metgot eksisiun sisteman gobietnon demokrasia guine. Guiya este i mesklau na kinalamten natibu `nai guaha na pinelota na hulu` ta fafana` pot apmam de manalag papa` hit. Gaige este siha na asunto gi dos patman kanaita.

Esta `nos kuantos biahe ta prueba giya hita na siña ta afuetsas tinilaika gi haye rumepresentqta hit gi hegsu` I Deni`. Estague` na puntu debi ta guatdia diariu pot proteksion tautau gi todū kinalamten guine. Guaguan na pudet ya hita solu mandueñu nu este na direchu—direchon botasion yan disposicion.

Laulau yan Muchot: Kinempredghe na iya Laulau i uttimu na

soñgsonng Chamorro. Naturat na lugan proteksion i dos kantit gi todū atmos bandan rubentason gi sanmena. Mauleg siñienteghu kada finatoghū gi lugat. `An chatseguru hau, fangagau dispensasion yan bendision konrespetu gi manmofo`na. Laulau i señgsoñg antigu.

Kulan hulili`e` luchan gima` higai yan siguale gi kanton tasi. Fresko na guma`, i higai gai atuf tinifog hagun niyog; i siguale mahafot gi papa` tanu`.

I Puntan Muchot otu lugat `nai guaha mas inadahe giya guahu. Hu sesiente espiritun manamko` guine na lugat piot gi lemlem tau-tau. Kasi ladañkulu na komunidan peska i lugat antes. I inaiña `nai mana fandaña todū kineni` ya managasgas antes de otu disposicion kau umapatte pat maprisetba.

Otru unai gaige gi papa` San Vicente mafanana`an Taigomat. Un` tiuhu sumañganeyu` na tatnai hinalulague` malag ayu na unai. Gi uttimu biahe `nai manrikohe alileñg sen tiha birague` tatte dispues. Otru kanton unai gi santatte siha dispues ha rikonose. Hafa no kau guaha ha` ti para hita na lugat?

Hu tuñgu` yan komprende na ti un` mana` tailaye lau ni ñgai`an lokue` `nai un` mana`e` suettemu. Hu li`e` gi un` che`luhu. Parehu finatton mame gi un` lugat. Guiya ha` mana`e. Hu birayu` tatte gi gima` kara` yan mahlog todū i dos papaghu. Dios mihu!

Inosiente: Guaha siha halom tanu` yan hogsu` hu fatoigue `nai ume`ebinaduyu` antes. Bonita na isla Saipan ginen hegsu` sanmena yan santatte. Yahu i sanhaya pot ayu `nai dodoku` i atdau `an oga`an `sino chagchag oga`an. I otu banda i minachom atdau, despedidan fingapu` ha`ane.

Hu komprende dispues relasion finatai famiia yan chechu` peskan maseha hafa kau tasi pat halom tanu`. Adahe na hihot binadu in` fuegu gi hegsu i Edot lau ha chaole dadalagña, manatan dispues ma`pus. I numberon bala ni pakpak gi un` sigidu nahoñg para u diniskareta iluña. `Nai klaru na guaha mabebela guihe na pueñge in` pega papa` paken mame sin ditension.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How the military bumbles with islanders

The military is its own worst enemy when it comes to matters of developing trust and growing credibility with Mariana islanders. The military, in short, bumbles with islanders.

This is so for many reasons and here are just three examples:

1) When it comes to the CJMT EIS-OEIS the military did not include visual depictions that accurately portray what military training will look like on Pagan and Tinian. In other words there are no fancy colored photographs included in the CJMT materials showing islanders what an island looks like after it has been bombed.

Instead what islanders get is a bunch of maps that are hard to read, difficult to understand, and laden with colors and shapes.

2) When it comes to the CJMT EIS-OEIS the military did not include historical examples that clearly and completely demonstrate to islanders that what is being proposed is environmentally and culturally safe and restorative. Why was Guam not referenced in any capacity as a prime example of how to properly manage environmental and cultural harm and injury when it comes to matters tied to the military?

No references were made to Vieques. No references were made to Kahoolawe. What are the reasons behind these omissions?

3) When it comes to the CJMT EIS-OEIS the military failed to thoroughly explain its rationale behind why it “surveyed” ocean areas down to only 12 feet below the surface. The military also failed

to explain why it previously was planning to “survey” at least 40 feet below the ocean surface and it failed to identify if the “survey” was to mean 12 feet below the waterline at high tide or 12 feet below the waterline at low tide.

The military failed to thoroughly explain what value is to be extracted from conducting “surveys” in the first place and it remains unclear how islanders should interpret these “surveys” when it comes to understanding the total environment.

These three examples provide just one picture of how the military is its own worst enemy when it comes to matters of the Marianas.

Maybe the first thing the military should do before moving forward with any additional work related to the CJMT EIS-OEIS is to first delete the words “locally named places” and replace it with the words “Chamorro named places.” Let's not try to make the Chamorro culture invisible and let's start calling location names in Pagan and Tinian what they are, «Chamorro» names.

My hope is the military makes the decision to go to Iwo Jima to conduct its unit and combined training or Australia, or the Philippines or South Korea. The Asia-Pacific region is expansive and there are other places to drop bombs and blow things up besides the Marianas.

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With dignity

October was proclaimed Behavioral Health Awareness Month and on Oct. 10, 2015, it was celebrated as World Mental Health Day. This year the theme of is “Dignity.” Webster's defines dignity as “the quality of being worthy of honor or respect.”

We all experience challenges with our mental health. Whether it comes through stresses caused by work or trying to get your home back in order after a disaster or more severe cases like having social anxieties or seeing and hearing things that may not really be there. We all deserve dignity in our lives. The Mental Health Foundation states, “We believe that effectively supporting people experiencing mental health problems is on target to become one of the greatest public health challenges of our time. Stigmatizing and discriminatory treatment can be particularly distressing when a person is experiencing a health crisis.” The Mandt System states that, “Dignity + Respect + Honesty = Trust, and when trust is in place, it is easier to ask for help...”

There are going to be times when we need to seek help for ourselves or for those we care about, and showing dignity to those in need helps to eliminate stigma or fear about mental health needs.

We live in a small community and know many around who could use our help when in a time of crisis, especially relating to the recent events that shook our islands. Ask someone if they need help and speak to them with dignity and respect to build on healthy relationships, I feel this is the “island way.”

Our society has been moving forward in the ways we treat people with mental and/or physical disabilities. As the Mental Health Foundation puts it, “We all have mental health, and by failing to treat people with mental health problems with dignity we make it more difficult to ensure that everyone takes steps to safeguard their wellbeing and to seek help, as it can lead to self-stigma, low confidence, low self-esteem, withdrawal and social isolation.”


For more information about World Mental Health Day please visit <http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/> and for more on issues surrounding people with disabilities or behavioral health please contact NMPASI at 235-7273/4 or visit us online at nmpasi.org

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Mostly cloudy and hazy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲86° ▼77°


FRIDAY



Mostly cloudy and hazy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲87° ▼77°


SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy and hazy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲87° ▼77°


SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼77°

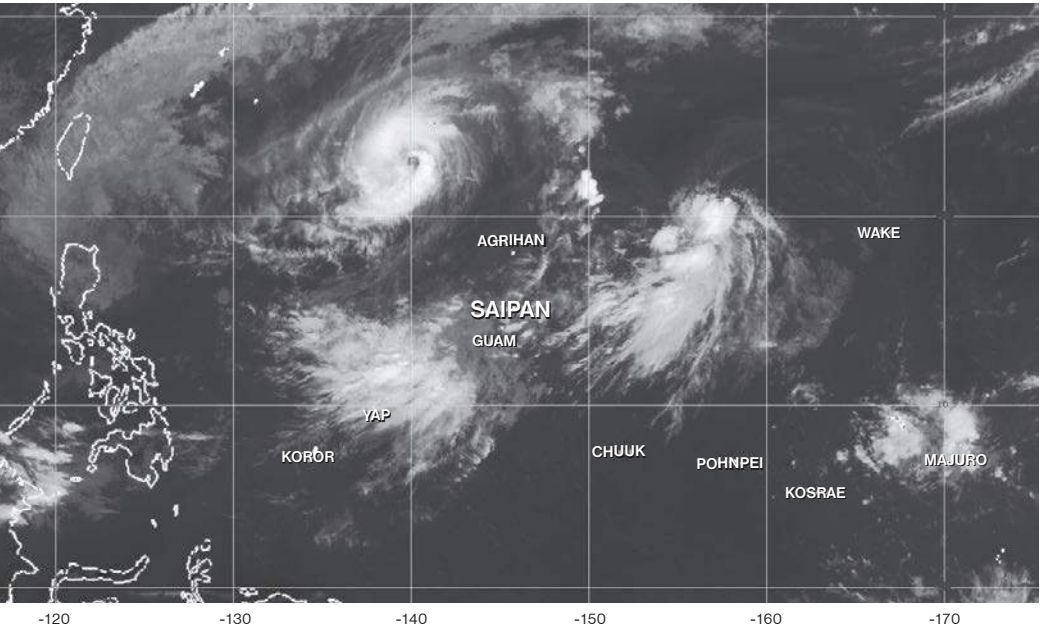
MONDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image




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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A tropical disturbance centered west of Wake Island near 20N159E is the subject of a Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert issued the Joint Typhoon Warning Center. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Pohnpei are between 12N and 21N from 154E to 160E. For more information on this disturbance, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN21 PGTW. Typhoon Champi (25W) is centered 645 miles northwest of Saipan at 23N140E drifting north at 3 mph with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph. Heavy rain and a few thunderstorms are within 150 miles of the center while numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are farther out up to 250 miles from the center. For more information on Typhoon Champi, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. A disturbance centered northeast of the Marianas near 21N151E is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 19N and 22N from 148E to 151E. Southwest monsoon winds are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from Yap and to near the Marianas within 175 miles of a line from 15N137E to 8N143E. A tropical disturbance is centered east of Tarawa near 3N180 with a surface trough northwestward across the Marshall Islands. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from Majuro to Kwajalein are mainly between 5N and 10N from 167E to 172E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼77
Palau	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼79
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Windy	▲68	▼58
Beijing	Showers	▲53	▼44
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼76
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼76
London	Partly Cloudy	▲58	▼40
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲82	▼63
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼75
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲66	▼51
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼74
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼56
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UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily			UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily		
UA5039	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota			UA5039	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
UA5038	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6			UA5038	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota		
UA5078	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily			UA5077	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily		
UA5072	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily			UA5079	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily		
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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN					
UA5039	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7			UA5038	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6		
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DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT			DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT		
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DL287	6:05am	8:40am	twice weekly			DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily		
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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
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OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7		
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7			OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
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E-Land restaurants: 24 brands, 284 branches, and counting



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REPORTER

SEOUL, South Korea—The E-Land Group is a diversified company with a finger in various industries and markets. One of these is its restaurant portfolio, which handles 24 brands and over 284 branches.

The over two dozen restaurant brands do not just offer Korean cuisine but also Japanese, Chinese, Italian, and other international food choices. Aside from full restaurants, they also

have cafés and bread stores.

Most of E-Land's food businesses are buffets and a prime example of this is their top brand, Ashley Queens. Located in Seoul, it is currently the only "Ashley Queens" in their Ashley line of restaurants, which has 54 branches all over South Korea.

The Ashley line is E-Land's first venture in the food industry and it now includes Ashley Classic, Ashley W Premium, Ashley W Plus, Ashley Queens, Ashley Marine, Ashley Brunch,

Ashley To Go, 83 Grill by Ashley, and Ashley China.

Ashley Queens is dubbed as a "world gourmet buffet," an expansive display of food and tastes featuring Asian, European, and American cooking.

They also have a wonderful selection of desserts. Among those that they boast about is their authentic Italian ice cream called gelato and their crepes. A wide array of teas, coffees, as well as some wine selections is also available.

Also notable for Ashley



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Ashley Queens is dubbed as a "world gourmet buffet," an expansive display of food and tastes featuring Asian, European, and American cooking.

Queens is its classy, old-Hollywood interiors. Its walls are lined with authentic memorabilia such as old records, autographed books and magazines, posters, and porcelain plates. Also on display are props that were actually used in some movies as well as some clothes worn by celebrities and icons such as Julia Roberts and Whitney Houston, all authentic and acquired through auctions.

According to public relations executive director Howard Yun, they are planning to open another

Ashley Queens in South Korea's second biggest city, Busan, next year in May. It is only one of the 20 restaurant branches they will open in that city soon.

Another of the group's restaurants is Soosa, which offers Japanese food in a buffet setting. It has different selections of sushi and maki as well as other Japanese favorites such as noodles, pastas, and karaages.

Soosa, which is among the new brands of E-Land's restaurants, currently has 10 branches.

Although the restaurants are

a separate line of business, this diversification in E-Land's portfolio also has an effect on their hotels.

"We want to include many contents in our hotels. This includes department stores, fashion and food," Yun said.

When asked if any of E-Land's restaurant brands will be coming to Saipan soon, Yun said, "Of course."

"We need to research first what kind Saipan likes and which brand will we develop more for Saipan," Yun said.

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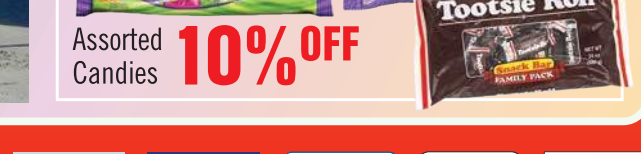
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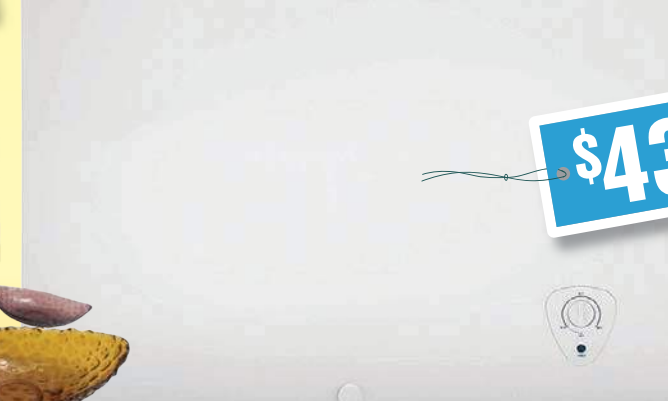
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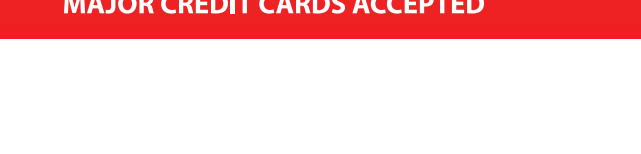
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Close calls with drones spur federal registration of owners

By JOAN LOWY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Concerned about rising reports of close calls and safety risks involving drones, the government announced Monday it will require many of the increasingly popular unmanned aircraft to be registered.

Pilot sightings of drones have doubled since last year, including near manned airplanes and at major sporting events, and there are reports of interference with wild-fire-fighting operations, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said at a news conference.

"These reports signal a

troubling trend," said Federal Aviation Administration chief Michel Huerta. Registration will increase pressure on drone operators to fly responsibly, he said, adding, "When they don't fly safely, they'll know there will be consequences."

The FAA now receives about 100 reports a month from pilots who say they've seen drones flying near planes and airports, compared with only a few sightings per month last year. So far there have been no accidents, but agency officials have said they're concerned that a drone weighing only a few pounds might cause serious damage if it is sucked

into an engine or smashes into an airliner's windshield.

Toys and small drones that don't present a safety threat are likely to be exempt from the requirement. Drones that weigh only a pound or two or that can't fly higher than a few hundred feet are considered less risky, but heavier ones and those that can fly thousands of feet pose more of a problem.

To work out details, the FAA and the Transportation Department are setting up a task force including government and industry officials, pilots and hobbyists. They'll recommend which drones should be required to register.

It's hard to identify drones seen operating illegally near airports and planes or over crowds, and registration by itself won't change that. But it would allow the FAA to identify drones when they can be recovered after landing or crashing, a common occurrence.

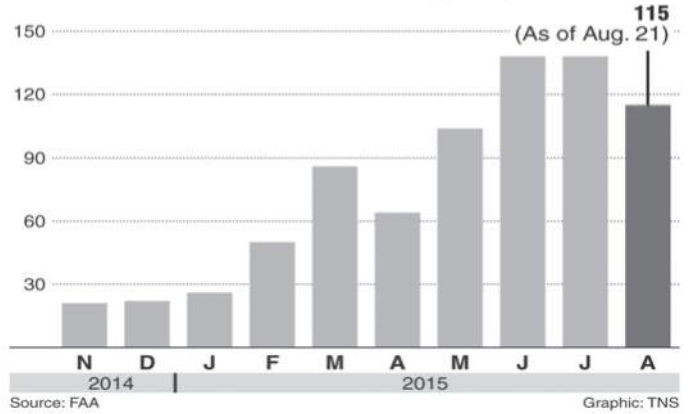
Earlier this year, drones operated illegally crashed on the White House lawn and at the New York stadium where the U.S. Open Tennis Championships were being held. In both cases the drone operators came forward. But if they hadn't, the government would have had no way to identify them.

Drone incidents

The Federal Aviation Administration has seen an increase in incidents involving unmanned aerial vehicles reported by pilots, air traffic controllers and citizens, including drones running into people and flying near other aircraft.



Unmanned aerial vehicle incident reports per month



ACROSS THE NATION

Texas teen arrested for homemade clock to move to Qatar

DALLAS (AP)—A 14-year-old Muslim boy who was arrested after a homemade clock he brought to school was mistaken for a possible bomb will be moving with his family to the Middle East so he can attend school there, his family said Tuesday. Ahmed Mohamed's family released a statement saying they had accepted a foundation's offer to pay for his high school and college in Doha, Qatar. He recently visited the country as part of a whirlwind month that included a Monday stop at the White House and an appearance Tuesday at the U.S. Capitol. "We are going to move to a place where my kids can study and learn, and all of them being accepted by that country," Ahmed's father, Mohamed Elhassan Mohamed, told The Dallas Morning News before boarding an airplane from

Washington back home to Texas on Tuesday.

New York City police officer dies after being shot in head

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York City police officer died after being shot in the head in a gun battle while pursuing a suspect following a report of shots fired, police said. "He is the fourth New York City police officer murdered in this city in the last 11 months," Police Commissioner William Bratton said during a press conference at Harlem hospital where Officer Randolph Holder, 33, was pronounced dead Tuesday night. At the hospital dozens of uniformed and plainclothes officers lined the hallway while other officers held each other as they arrived. "Tonight, he did what every other officer in the NYPD does. When the call comes he ran toward danger," Bratton said. "It was the last time he will respond to that call."

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Ex-Fukushima nuclear plant worker confirmed to have cancer

TOKYO (AP)—A man in his 40s who worked at the Fukushima nuclear plant after the 2011 disaster is the first person confirmed to have developed cancer from radiation exposure, Japan confirmed Tuesday. The Health and Labor Ministry said the man, who wasn't identified further, has received government approval for compensation for the radiation-induced illness. It said he helped install covers on damaged reactors at the plant from October 2012 to December 2013. He did not work at Fukushima in the weeks after the massive earthquake and tsunami destroyed the plant in March 2011, when radiation levels were the highest. The plant has since been stabilized, except for occasional leaks of contaminated water. The man had worked at several other nuclear plants before Fukushima, the ministry said. Medical experts could not determine whether his exposure at Fukushima was the direct cause of his leukemia, a ministry official said on condition of anonymity, citing sensitivity of the issue. But his total exposure of 19.8 millisievert was mostly from his work at Fukushima, the official said.

Singapore mega-church head guilty of embezzling \$35M

SINGAPORE (AP)—The founder of a popular Singapore church was found guilty Wednesday of misappropriating more than \$35.5 million in donations to support his

wife's singing career in Asia before helping her break into the U.S. market for evangelization purposes. Kong Hee, the founder and senior pastor of City Harvest Church, was found guilty with five other church leaders of stealing 24 million Singapore dollars (\$17 million) designated for building and investment-related purposes through sham bond investments. The State Court also found that they used another 26 million dollars (\$18.5 million) to hide the first embezzlement from auditors. It is a rare case of corruption of such magnitude in the city-state, which has an image of being highly law-abiding and largely graft-free.

Seoul's spy service says N. Korea preparing for nuclear test

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's spy service believes North Korea is preparing for a fourth nuclear test but not in the immediate future, according to South Korean lawmakers who attended a closed-door meeting with agency officials Tuesday. The office of lawmaker Lee Cheol Woo said the National Intelligence Service made the assessment after monitoring activities at North Korea's main Nyongbyon nuclear complex. Lee and another lawmaker, Shin Kyung-min, said the spy agency didn't say how it obtained the information. Shin said it also didn't elaborate on what test preparations meant. The spy agency's public affairs office said it could not confirm the reported assessment.

Death toll from storm in Philippines climbs to 39

CABANATUAN, Philippines (AP)—The death toll from a storm that battered the Philippines' main island over the weekend has climbed to at least 39, officials said Wednesday.

Tropical Storm Koppu, which barreled ashore as a powerful typhoon in the northeastern Philippines on Sunday before weakening, forced more than 100,000 villagers into emergency shelters and destroyed rice fields ready for harvest.

The storm blew away from the main island of Luzon on Tuesday and was over the Balintang Channel in the country's northern tip on Wednesday morning, with winds of 55 kilometers (34 miles) per hour near its center, according to the government's weather bureau.



A boy plays with mud as residents begin cleaning up their homes in Cabanatuan, northern Philippines, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015, two days after Typhoon Koppu flooded Cabanatuan city and nearby provinces.

At least 39 people were killed in the storm, mostly due to drowning, landslides, fallen trees and collapsed walls, said civilian defense officials. Several people were reported miss-

ing and more than 500,000 were affected by Koppu, including 107,000 who fled to evacuation centers.

Disaster-response agencies said the rain dumped by the storm in the mountainous north flowed down rivers and flooded villages downstream in provinces including Pangasinan, where thousands of residents were evacuated Monday.

"We saw that there was lot of rain that fell in the mountains. There was a possibility of flash floods so residents were evacuated to safer grounds," said Melchito Castro of the regional Office of Civil Defense.

An initial government estimate showed damage to agriculture and infrastructure amounted to at least 5.3 billion pesos (\$115 million).

The Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence
and the Family Violence Task Force
invite you to get **POWERED** to end domestic violence
during a fun afternoon of arts, activities and celebration of our united community.

DAY OF UNITY

Saturday, October 24, 2015, Raganan Community Center

ENTERTAINMENT and KIDS ACTIVITIES
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Featuring Out of the Ordinary Band, Joshua Castro, SMADS, DYS and Coconut Jamboree

MEN'S WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

3:30 pm - Registration
4:00 pm - Walk

Calling on all men to show respect for and solidarity with women in our community by walking in skirts/lava lavas.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Join us honor and remember the lives we have lost to domestic violence.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

For more information, call 234-3878 or 664-4583/4. For news and updates, check out NMCADSV on Facebook, Twitter@EndViolenceNMI and Instagram@nmcadsv.



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Frances A. Castro
Director, DCRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Tinian Kanadan Magpo Homestead project under permit application No. TMS-2015-X-059. The permit application was submitted by the Department of Public Lands for the subdivision of 159 residential lots, 1 commercial lot, and 1 ponding basin. The entire project covers an area of 40.26 acres of public lands including 3.07 acres of the north and south access roads that will be improved. The project will be located on the south side of Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The public hearing is scheduled for November 18, 2015, at 5:30PM at the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria, San Jose, Tinian.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comment during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Tinian Kanadan Magpo project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

In Loving Memory of †Tekereng Silvester

“Ten-Ten”

March 03, 1919 - October 10, 2015

Parents: †Sylvester Sakaziro
†Ngeyaol Meteleklang

Daughter: Theodosia Silvester

Brothers and Sisters:

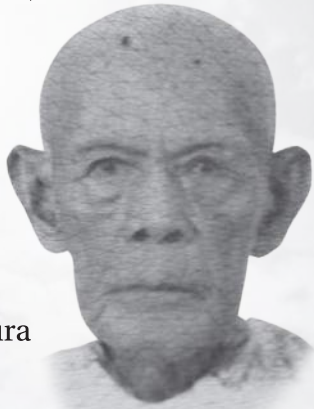
†Baris Silvester Ngirur Umang
†Tmatk Timulch Ngesenges Nakamura
†Idesiar Techjr
†Ngirkebai Timulch

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel, Beach Road, Garapan from 9:00am to 10:00am.

Interment services will take place at Tanapag cemetery at 11:00am.

Thank you

The Family



Slovenia deploys troops to border

BREZICE, Slovenia (AP)—Led by riot police on horseback, thousands of weary migrants marched across western Balkans borderlands as far as the eye could see Tuesday as authorities cautiously lowered barriers and intensified efforts to cope with a human tide unseen in Europe since World War II.

Leaders of Slovenia deployed military units to support police on their overwhelmed southern border with Croatia, which delivered more than 6,000 asylum seekers by train and bus to the frontier in bitterly disputed circumstances between the former Yugoslav rivals.

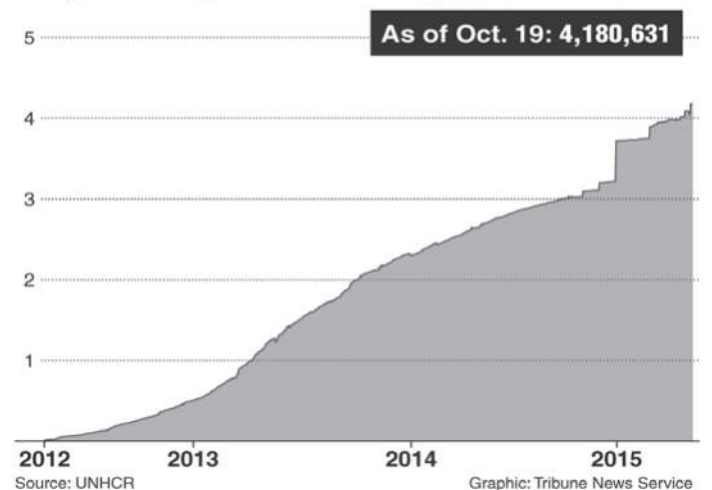
With far too few buses available in Slovenia to cope, most people walked 15 kilometers (9 miles) on rural lanes past cornfields and pastures to reach a refugee camp, a challenge eased by sunny weather after days of torrential rain, fog and frigid winds.

On Slovenia's frontiers with Croatia and Austria, aid workers toiled to erect enough tents and other emergency accommodation to shelter up to 14,000 travelers, more than five times the tiny nation's previous official limit.

Interior Secretary of State Bostjan Sefic told reporters in the Slovene capital, Ljubljana, that the pressure on border security with Croatia had grown “very difficult with an enormous number of people.” He said Slovenia, an Alpine land of barely 2 million, needed much more help immediately from bigger EU partners to cope or the country might have to adopt border-toughening measures.

Syrian refugees

Registered refugees who have left Syria, in millions



“If this continues we will have extreme problems. Slovenia is already in dire straits, an impossible situation,” Sefic said as lawmakers debated whether to increase the military's powers to manage border security.

In Brussels, Slovenian President Borut Pahor met European Union leaders and said he expected his country to apply for emergency financial aid and border patrol reinforcements from EU partners.

Hungary, long the most popular eastern gateway for people fleeing conflict and poverty in the Middle East, Asia and Africa, has padlocked its borders for migrants progressively over the past month, forcing the tide west through Croatia and Slovenia. All three nations have expressed fears of ending up stuck accommodating tens of thousands of asylum-seekers indefinitely if other EU nations farther north close their borders too.

Croatia, which has erected relatively few shelters along its borders with Serbia and Slovenia, directed thousands into special trains and bus convoys Tuesday to Slovenia in an apparently concerted effort to clear a backlog built up since Saturday, when Hungary closed its borders with Croatia.

The Slovenes complained bitterly that Croat officials were ignoring their requests for advance warnings of migrant deliveries. But Croatia's interior minister, Ranko Ostojic, insisted that the opposite was true and Slovenia was dragging its heels in accepting people quickly enough. He asserted that Croatia was admitting people twice as quickly from Serbia.

“If we are receiving 10,000, then 5,000 people have to be transited to Slovenia,” he told The Associated Press in an interview near the Serb-Croat border.

WORLD BRIEFS

Syrian TV: President Assad meets Putin in Moscow

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—Syrian state media says President Bashar Assad has met his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in Moscow, in the first known trip abroad for the embattled leader since war broke out in his country in 2011. The Ikhbariyah news channel says Wednesday that Assad met Putin a day earlier in Moscow. It says the two leaders discussed the continuation of the military operations against “terrorists” in Syria. Russia began airstrikes against insurgents in Syria on Sept. 30. Protests against Assad in early 2011 descended into a civil war. The United Nations estimates at least 250,000 people have been killed.

Trudeau promises policy departures in post-Harper Canada

TORONTO (AP)—With a host of policies that differ dramatically from his predecessor, Justin Trudeau's victory over

the most conservative leader in Canada's history will reverberate beyond the country's borders. The first major shift came Tuesday when Trudeau announced he had spoken with President Barack Obama and told him he will remove Canada's six fighter jets from the U.S.-led bombing campaign against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria. Among the other areas in which Trudeau differs from Conservative Stephen Harper: climate change, immigration and whether relations with the U.S. should hinge on the future of the Keystone XL oil pipeline. Speaking at a rally in Ottawa, the 43-year-old Trudeau—son of one of the country's most dynamic politicians—underlined the sea change. “I want to say this to this country's friends around the world: Many of you have worried that Canada has lost its compassionate and constructive voice in the world over the past 10 years. Well, I have a simple message for you on behalf of 35 million Canadi-

ans. We're back,” he declared.

UK rolls out red carpet for China's Xi on contentious visit

LONDON (AP)—China's leader quoted Chinese proverbs and William Shakespeare while Britain's prime minister hailed a “golden age” between the two nations as a state visit festooned with regal pomp and pageantry was shadowed by concerns about national security, human rights and economic rivalry. President Xi Jinping's trip, years in the making, aimed to cement deals giving Britain a vast new pool of investment and China greater access to European markets. But as Xi was welcomed Tuesday as an honored guest at Buckingham Palace and Parliament, critics warned that Britain was taking a risk by courting Beijing so aggressively. “If you act like a panting puppy, the object of your attention is going to think they have got you on a leash,” James McGregor, a China expert at consulting firm APCO, told the BBC.

Remembering...



As we remember our Mother.
Grandmother and Sister...

†**ROSARIO M. ELAMETO,**

Affectionately known as
“Charung”

We invite our family and friends to join us as we celebrate the first year anniversary of her life with our Lord.

Daily Mass of Intention is offered at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00AM beginning October 20 and ending October 28, followed by the Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 5:30PM at the residence of Jesus M. Elameto, Falughulo.

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Daniel Rogolifo Ogumoro "Ighischumwaar"

Born to Life: January 5, 1926
Born to Eternal Life: October 16, 2015

He now joins his:

Wife: Estefania Leiwasar Somorang Taman
Parents: Luis L. Ogumoro & Felicidad Teregeyo Rogolifo
Parents-in-Law: Antonio Taman & Maria Somorang
Brothers: Schuubwemaal R. Ogumoro, Juan R. & Soledad T. Ogumoro, Antonio R. Ogumoro
In-laws: Edward & Cecilia K. Peter, Antonio & Ignacia K. Pialur, Juan & Esperansa T. Seman

Daniel & Estefania's legacy:

†Francisca T. Ogumoro

Felicidad T. Ogumoro/†Francisco Uludong - Aschumar Kodep, Alingmar Basiou/Reneacia San Nicolas (Ulusmar Joaquin, Amaya Joy Leiwo'scheeng), Lescheweisei Lllall/Peter Aldan, Leimalyal Urriik/Kelvin Cepeda (Kelvin Jr.)

Merced T. Ogumoro - Danny Joe Ighischumwaar/Josephine Kapileo (Autumn Renea Leilingsoor), Queena Leitischii (Peter Paul Schuubwemwaar, Kaya Estefenia Leimwai), Dolores Leschuwelemal/Sal Herman (Damian Seth Ischibwesoor)

Tina O./Donald Barcinas - Danandro Aghurubw/Theodora Lizama (Donray Abhwolmwar, Dylan Thor Anguschi), Dylan Matthew Aitau

†**Joseph T./†Doris Ogumoro** - +Lorraine Ilaghali (Devin Bwilyongmaal, Trey Schumalyoong), Lorna Ilapta/Romeo Iginoef (Leimalfiisch, Schuubwesoor, Leilischeem, Atiwscheng), Laurie Lemalebwa (Joron Paul Asalschiigh, Joseph), Rona Lemfiisch, Lucia Marie/Patrick Santos (Lanalei, PJ, Rayvan, Choy, Dorsha, Preston)

Jack T./Lauri Ogumoro - Asapmar Sven/Yvonne Cabrera (Amelie Leisaram), Shownalei Leiwasar/Jerome Taisacan (Guinaiya Liyelfu'u, Zachary Aram, Zane Ighischumwaar), Rellani/Jordan Suel, Lauri Ann Rae Guardian/Audry Delos Santos

Laura T. Ogumoro/John Tagabuel - Orrin Schuubwemaal, Stefani Kamille Ileighisaar

Theresa T. Ogumoro - Athena Tiiplua/Rjay Camacho, Jackie Tiipfish, Aaron Aweltiip

Paul T./Shirley Ogumoro - Paul Nicolas Wiliwomw/Maria (Diana {Amrose}, Harvey, Henry, Reyna), Sylvester Kovin Amuschumwar/Clarissa, Gregorio, Daniel Eireng, Nathan

Carmilynn Leiwamaal T. Ogumoro/James Kintol - Kayana Jae Ilighiram

Reared Grandchild:

Leibwoschfi Cecil Pamela P. Kileleman - Sylvan Raibusor/Erica Olopai (Nadia Angel, Aiden), Kolfred Eirengbwe, Becky Dania Esetiwo/Davenalt Jones, Laurese Ilaarschigh

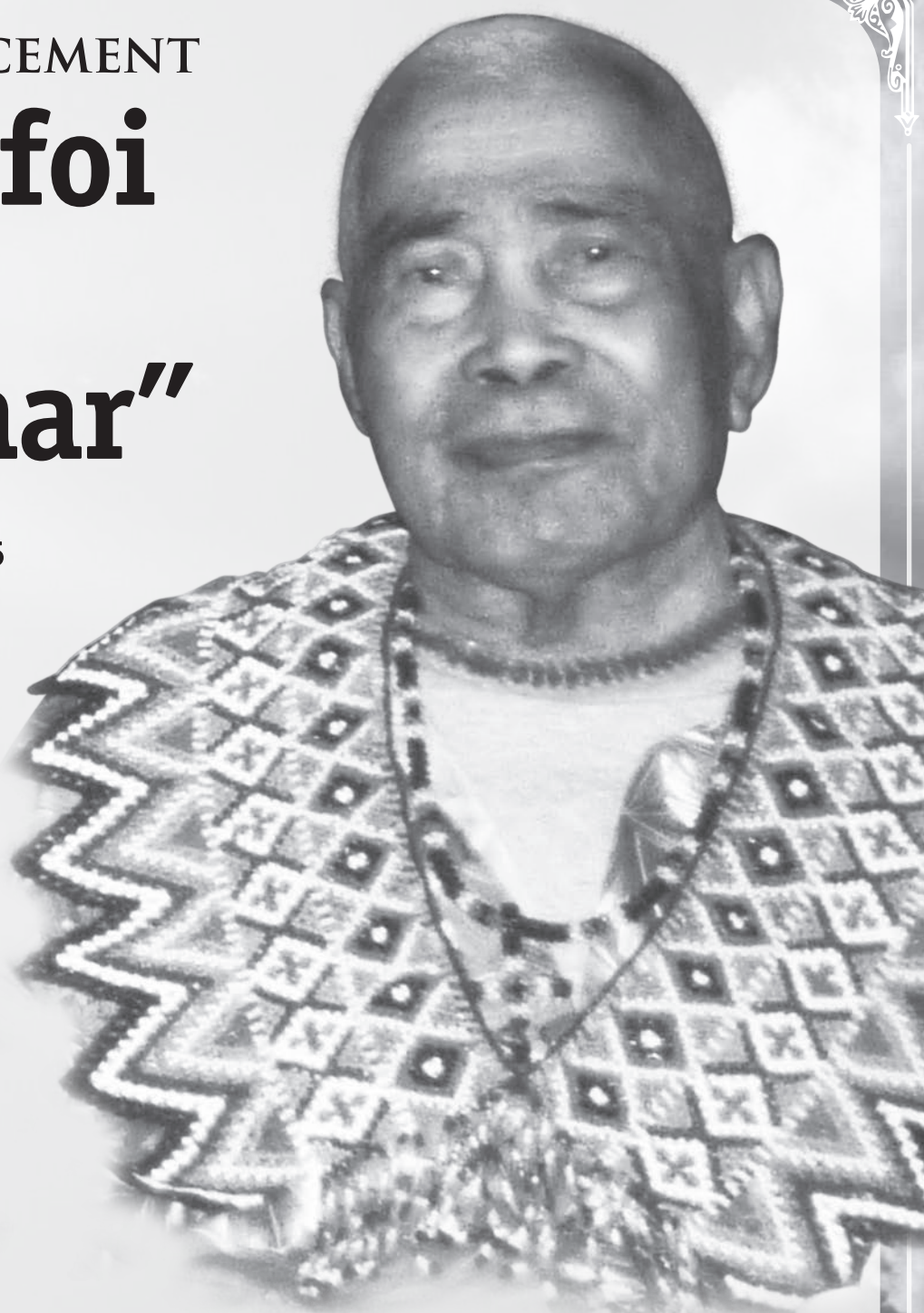
His remains will lie in state at Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel, Beach Road, Garapan beginning at 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

Responso Service will be at 7:00pm followed by Holy Rosary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, October 23, 2015 at 10:00am at Kristo Rai Church and Interment Services will take place at Mt. Carmel cemetery.

Ghilisow, Si Yu'us Ma'ase & Thank You for your love, prayers and kind expressions of support,

**The family of the late †Daniel "Ighischumwaar"
and †Estefania "Leiwasar"**



Life & Style

'Star Wars' fans clamor for tickets, wonder where's Luke

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Millions of fans cried out in joy after they saw the latest trailer for "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," but it also left more than a few wondering where Luke Skywalker has been during all the marketing.

Twitter said there were more than 17,000 tweets a minute when the trailer aired Monday night and over 1.1 million tweets since then.

Facebook reported that 1.3 million people had 2.1 million interactions related to "Star Wars" within the first hour of the trailer screening. Even Mark Zuckerberg commented on the official fan page, writing "this looks amazing. I love Star Wars."

It didn't take a Jedi to notice that Luke Skywalker was missing from the promo.

The ads have focused mainly on new characters such as Daisy Ridley's Rey and John Boyega's Finn. But the clips also have strategically teased out the return of original characters such as Harrison Ford's Han Solo and Carrie Fisher's

Princess Leia.

Mark Hamill's Luke Skywalker is nowhere to be seen—in full at least.

Fans have heard Luke's voice and seen what is presumed to be his gloved hand on R2-D2, but his conspicuous absence from the most recent trailer and the official poster had many Twitter users asking #whereisluke and wondering what that means for his character.

Director J.J. Abrams is somewhat notorious for keeping the plots to his films under wraps, and "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" has been no different.

The 2-minute, 35-second spot debuted during ESPN's "Monday Night Football" halftime and was made available online immediately after. Overnight ratings for the game show a definite viewing spike during halftime, suggesting that many tuned in solely for the trailer, not the Giants-Eagles game.

Tickets for the "The Force Awakens," out Dec. 18, went on sale earlier Monday, causing sites like Fandango and MovieTickets.com to experience in-



This undated photo provided by Disney shows the poster for the new film, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens."

termittent crashes as a result of demand.

The initial fervor has dissipated, though, and sites seemed to be back up and running and getting fans their tickets. AMC theaters are also selling tickets for 39 "Star Wars" marathon events, where they will be showing all seven films on Dec. 17.

Sellouts have been reported for many of the Thursday night preview showings of the latest chapter. AMC alone sold out 1,000 shows in less than 12

hours but also noted that there are still nearly 4 million tickets available for opening weekend.

Ticketing sites tend to keep specifics about actual sales secret. MovieTickets.com did reveal, however, that "The Force Awakens" had accounted for a whopping 95 percent of sales on the site in 24 hours.

Fandango experienced unprecedented demand for tickets as well. They've already sold eight times as many tickets as they had for their previous record holder, "The Hunger Games."

"Movie theaters are continually adding new show times on Fandango to meet the phenomenal demand," a Fandango company statement said.

South Korean Seong-Jin Cho wins Chopin Piano Competition

WARSAW, Poland

(AP)—Seong-Jin Cho of South Korea has won the career-paving 17th International Frederic Chopin Piano Competition in Warsaw, the head of the jury



Cho said Wednesday. "It became my dream to participate in the competition and I cannot believe this moment," he told a news conference, speaking in English.

He said all stages of the competition were

"really tough for me" except the final concerto with an orchestra, when he was "not so nervous."

The second prize went to Charles Richard-Hamelin of Canada and the third prize winner was Kate Liu of the United States.

The first prize includes concerts in some of the world's best-known halls, contracts for recordings, and a 30,000-euro (\$33,600) award with a gold medal.

A 21-year-old native of Seoul, Cho said he wanted to take part in the renowned competition ever since he was 11 and listened to its 2005 edition.

"In the first round I was out of control," he said. "I didn't remember how I played so I checked on YouTube how I played."

Cho also won a euros 3,000 award for the best polonaise performance.

During the three weeks of the competition the pianists played only Chopin's works before a 17-member international jury that included the 1965 winner Martha Argerich.

Lamar Odom taken from Las Vegas hospital to Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lamar Odom left a Las Vegas hospital and is now in the Los Angeles area to continue his recovery a week after he was found unconscious at a Nevada brothel, a family representative said Tuesday.

The former NBA star was transported by helicopter from Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center in Las Vegas around 5 p.m. Monday, according to a statement from Alvina Alston, publicist for Odom's aunt JaNean Mercer. She did not say where he was taken in Los Angeles.

The statement from the Mercer and Odom families thanked the hospital and Odom's fans and said his estranged wife, Khloe Kardashian, his father and his two children from a previous relationship are with him.

"He continues to make miraculous progress, taking a few steps in Los Angeles," the statement said.

Kardashian posted a separate statement to her website saying Odom made "incredible strides" at the Las Vegas hospital and thanking the doc-

tors and nurses "for their kindness and diligent work." The family has received strength from the outpouring of support from Odom's fans, she said.

News of his release comes a day after a family statement said Odom's condition was improving. It said he was overcoming "insurmountable obstacles" and defying the odds.

The hospital and Odom's relatives have not revealed his prognosis, but the family has hinted at a long road ahead, saying they realize his "continued improvement" won't be easy.

Odom was found in extremely critical condition Oct. 13 at the Love Ranch brothel in the rural community of Crystal, Nevada. He regained consciousness and communicated for the first time Friday.

The brothel said workers saw him drink alcohol and take supplements sold as "herbal Viagra." The Food and Drug Administration issued a warning in 2013 against one brand he took, Reload, after it was found to contain sildenafil, the active ingredient in prescription Viagra.

Old habits die hard during woman's transition to a man

DEAR ABBY: My daughter has been in a lesbian relationship for 14 years. They recently took me to lunch and informed me that her partner, "Nicole," is in the process of transitioning to a male.

Nicole has now legally changed her name to "Nick" and has begun hormone treatments. They have been going to counseling for the past six months. Since Nick began the transition, I have seen him three times. Last week when I was visiting, I accidentally called Nick by the wrong pronoun, "she" instead of "he" a couple of times. I was either immediately corrected or ignored until I realized I had used the wrong word. It hurt my feelings.

After I got home I sent Nick a text to apologize and explain that it would take time for me to get used to saying "Nick" and referring to him as a he. I told them their correcting me bothered me. All weekend I could tell they were irritated with me, and I felt it was uncalled for.

What do you say? Am I wrong to feel hurt that they haven't given me a chance to get used to the new name?

MARGARET IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR MARGARET: Adjusting to gender reassignment takes time for all concerned. As your letter illustrates, there are often more people involved than the individual making the change.

It seems only natural that you would need some time to ad-

just. However, it also seems to me that you are being overly sensitive about what happened. Your daughter and her partner were right to correct you for your slip of the tongue, and it wasn't rude for them to do so. How else is a person to learn that a mistake was made if it isn't pointed out?

DEAR ABBY: Recently, 12 of us women from a retirement home in Dayton were having lunch at a local steakhouse. As we were digging in our purses for money and coupons, our server informed us that we did not owe anything for our bills! He said a gentleman who had been seated nearby had taken care of what we owed. It seems the day we were there was his late mother's birthday.

There are some very good people in this world. We want him to know how very much we appreciated his kind gesture, and we have pledged to "pay it forward" whenever we can.

BLESSED IN OHIO

DEAR BLESSED: I don't know who originated this saying, but your letter certainly proves the truth of it: A good deed is like a pebble thrown into a pond; its ripples continue ever outward. Thank you for an upper of a letter.

DEAR ABBY: We were visiting our son and daughter-in-law

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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last weekend. When I had to use the facilities downstairs, I told her the hand towel was missing. I had used that bathroom the day before. Guess what she said? "Well, that's what pants are for."

Abby, she wasn't joking! We see them only twice a year because we live five hours away. Could they be short of money or what? Should I send her some hand towels?

WET HANDS IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WET HANDS: By all means. And don't forget a short, sweet note thanking her for her "hospitality."

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

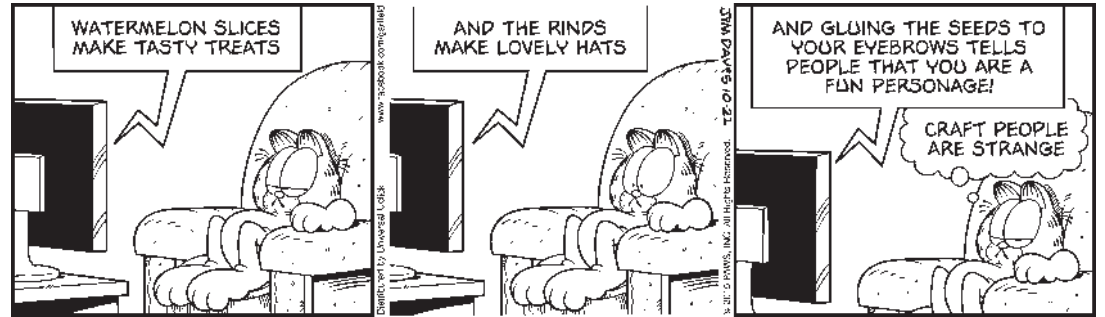
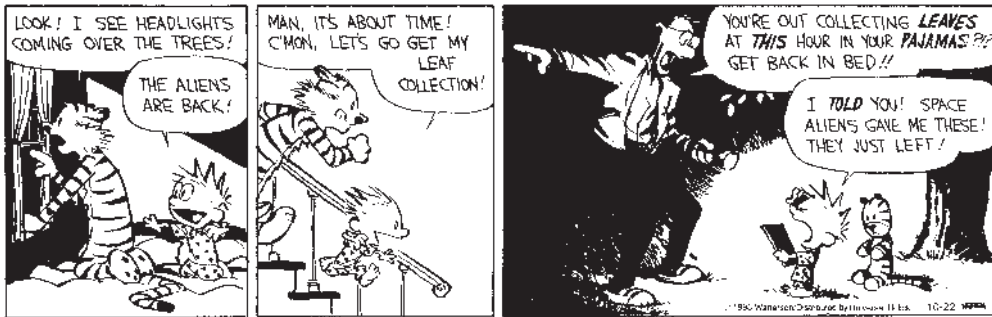
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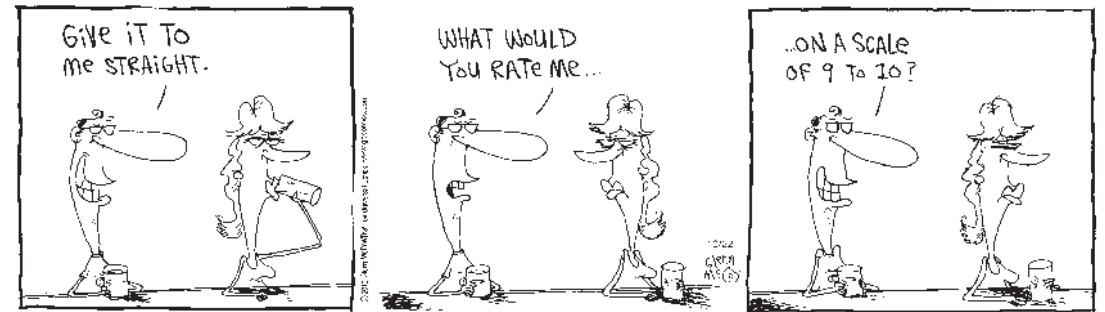
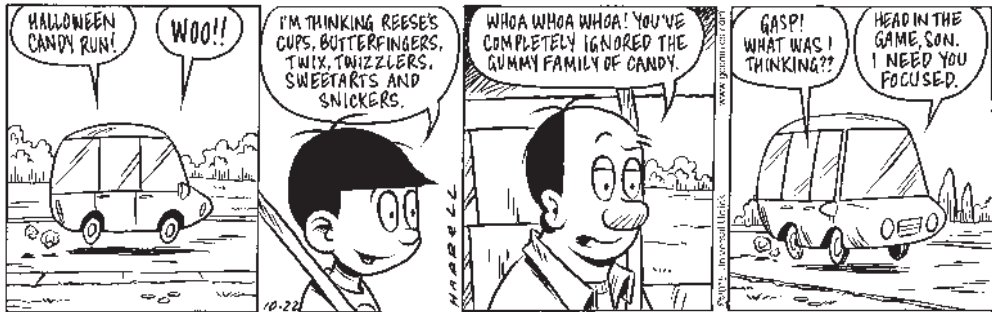


Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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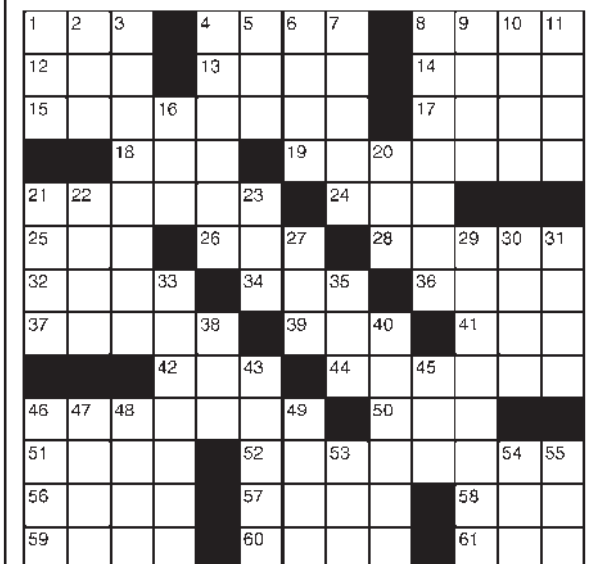
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Solution time: 24 mins.

Yesterday's answer 10-22



STUMPED?

For answers to today's crossword, call 1-900-226-5955! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Zac Hanson, 30; Jesse Tyler Ferguson, 40; Jeff Goldblum, 63; Catherine Deneuve, 72.

Happy Birthday: Explore new possibilities and launch into something that you feel the need to do. Use your ingenuity and follow your heart. Making life changes is never easy, and taking the first step can be difficult, but once you get the ball rolling, there will be no stopping you. Use your imagination and reach for the stars. Your numbers are 8, 12, 23, 29, 35, 43, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a different approach when dealing with relationships or money, and you will discover an easy way to handle such matters in the future. Taking responsibility for your actions will lead to financial gains and future prospects. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Use your skills judiciously and you will create greater interest in what you have to offer. Don't neglect your personal needs and desires. Put time aside for socializing, romance and spending time with people who make you smile. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take the high road when dealing with others. Use your intelligence to avoid a dispute that you will regret. Keep life simple and live within your means. Too much of anything will be your downfall. Make your work count. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do something that sparks your imagination and brings you joy. Gather people together and spend time mulling over possibilities. Interacting with people from different backgrounds

will lead to positive changes in the way you live. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Partnerships can cost you if you don't choose your associates wisely. Do a background check and get the lowdown on the promises being made. You'll find a discrepancy if you do your research. Don't be afraid to move forward on your own. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Changes regarding a partnership will end up being to your advantage. Let your intuition lead the way and you will bypass opposition from others. A financial gain will come from an unexpected source. Don't share personal information. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let someone make you feel incompetent or put you in a vulnerable position. Make yourself more valuable or check out professional opportunities that will give your confidence a boost. Don't make announcements unless you plan to follow through. ★★★★★

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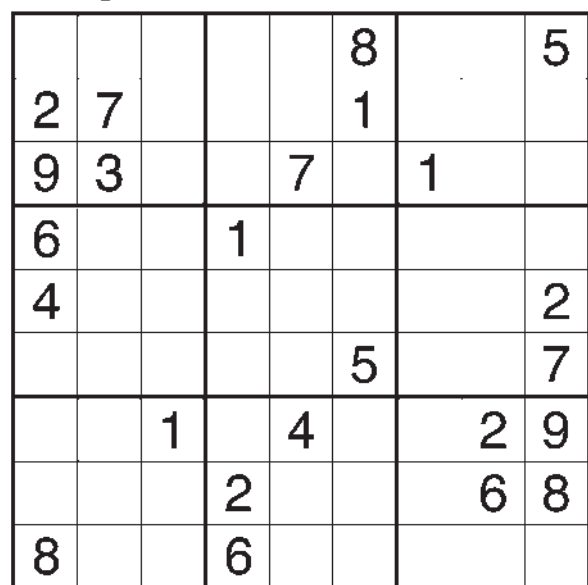
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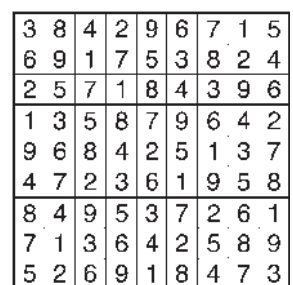
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Mets beat Cubs for commanding 3-0 lead in NLCS



CHICAGO

(AP)—Daniel Murphy is a contact hitter known for shaky fielding and occasionally getting lost on the bases.

This playoff impersonation of Babe Ruth, Roberto Alomar and Derek Jeter all rolled into one, he can't explain it. Nor can his manager.

"Question is, who is this guy?" skipper Terry Collins said.

Murphy homered in his record-tying fifth straight post-season game, Jacob deGrom pitched seven strong innings and the New York Mets beat the Chicago Cubs 5-2 Tuesday night for a 3-0 lead in the NL Championship Series.

"I've watched a lot of baseball over the years, I don't think I've seen anybody put on this kind of a show on this stage like he has so far," Collins said. "I mean, even the guys in the dugout, they're baseball guys, too, and they're saying the same thing."

A cluster of New York fans gathered in the rain behind their team's dugout after the final out and chanted "Let's go, Mets!" And with a win Wednesday night at Wrigley Field, the Mets will be going to their first World Series in 15 years.

Rookie Steven Matz gets the start for New York in Game 4 while Jason Hammel goes for the Cubs.

Murphy tied the homer mark set by Houston's Carlos Beltran in 2004 with his drive off Kyle Hendricks in the third.

Murphy's home run was his sixth of the postseason in his 30th at-bat—he's hit just 62 in 3,354 at-bats in the regular season. The free agent-to-be second baseman also is making sharp plays in the field and showing heads-up, aggressive instincts running the bases.

"I wish I could explain it,"



AP
New York Mets' Daniel Murphy reacts after scoring during the seventh inning of Game 3 of the National League baseball championship series against the Chicago Cubs Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015, in Chicago.

third and scored with two out as Conforto swung at a 2-2 pitch in the dirt. The ball rolled to the backstop, allowing the runner to reach first and extending the inning.

Conforto was forced to stay at third when Wilmer Flores' drive rolled to the ivy in right field was called a ground-rule double. That drew a heated argument from Collins, who came back out to protest some more after he returned to the dugout.

The Mets added two more runs in the seventh to make it 5-2.

Hendricks went four innings for Chicago, allowing two runs and five hits.

"This is not the spot where we want to be, but we're here and we've got to face it," Schwarber said.

Never before had the Cubs played this late on the calendar at Wrigley Field, and the place was rocking when Schwarber tied it at 1 with his solo homer to left-center in the first.

It wasn't quite as impressive as the shot he hit to the top of the right-field videoboard that helped knock out St. Louis in Game 4 of the NLDS. That ball got encased by the Cubs where it settled.

Still, Schwarber broke the franchise record set by Alex Gonzalez and Aramis Ramirez in 2003.

Murphy made it 2-1 in the third with his drive to center off Hendricks. Besides tying Beltran's record, he also set a Mets mark with his sixth post-season homer.

said Murphy, who hit a career-high 14 homers in the regular season. "I would have done it like six years ago. I can't explain it."

After going 0-7 against the Cubs during the regular season, New York is overpowering them with their arms and bats.

Yoenis Cespedes and David Wright each had three hits for the Mets. Cespedes scored the go-ahead run on a two-out wild pitch by Trevor Cahill on a strikeout of Michael Conforto in the sixth inning.

DeGrom followed up dominant starts by Matt Harvey

and Noah Syndergaard in New York with one of his own. The NL Rookie of the Year held the Cubs' big bats to just two runs and four hits. He struck out seven, walked one and retired his final 11 batters.

The righty with the flowing hair improved to 3-0 in his first postseason, with all of the wins coming on the road. Jeurys Familia closed for his fifth save of the postseason.

Kyle Schwarber had the towel-waving crowd shaking 101-year old Wrigley Field to its foundation in the first inning with his club-record fifth

homer of the postseason. Jorge Soler also had them roaring with his solo drive in the fourth. But manager Joe Maddon's Cubs have just five runs in this series.

Barring an epic comeback, a World Series drought that dates to 1908 will continue. Only one other team has won a playoff series after dropping the first three games.

Theo Epstein's Red Sox came back against the New York Yankees in the 2004 AL Championship Series and ultimately ended one long championship curse. Now, the team

he constructed in Chicago, that stirred the imaginations of long-suffering fans, finds itself in a similar spot.

"Of course you think about those things, you think about the parallels, think about the fact that that happened against a New York team," said Maddon, whose team posted the majors' third best record and came into this series on a 12-1 tear. "We think about all that stuff, but it's up to us to go out and play and execute."

Cespedes broke a 2-all tie after he led off the sixth with a single against Cahill. He stole

Royals rout Blue Jays 14-2, 1 win from World Series return

TORONTO (AP)—Whether it's a long ball by Ben Zobrist, a slashing single from Lorenzo Cain or another exhilarating trip around the bases for Alcides Escobar, these Kansas City Royals are relentless—and one win from a return trip to the World Series.

Zobrist hit a two-run homer on knuckleballer R.A. Dickey's fourth pitch of the game, Alex Rios connected an inning later against his former team and the Royals romped past the Toronto Blue Jays 14-2 Tuesday for a 3-1 lead in the American League Championship Series.

"We're very confident," Rios said. "We have a very well-balanced team from top to bottom."

Cain scored on a passed ball and Mike Moustakas had a sacrifice fly in an LCS-record four-run top of the first.

Escobar had four RBIs and

Cain drove in three runs as the Royals bounced back from an 11-8 loss Monday. Kansas City led 5-2 in the seventh before breaking away.

Blue Jays infielder Cliff Pennington relieved in the ninth inning, becoming the first primarily position player to pitch in the postseason, STATS said. Greeted by cheers, he allowed two hits and got one out.

"The circumstances aren't what you want," Pennington of his first pitching appearance.

Kansas City can win the pennant Wednesday, when Edinson Volquez starts against Toronto's Marco Estrada in a Game 1 rematch.

"It's a do-or-die game for us," Toronto manager John Gibbons said. "But they do it all year. I think these guys will let this one go and they'll show up to play tomorrow. ... I know

these guys will be ready."

After flashing power to build a 5-0 lead on the long ball, the Royals returned to their pesky ways late in the game against the Blue Jays' struggling bullpen. They scored nine runs with three more sacrifice flies, a barrage of slashing hits and heads-up baserunning.

"We're a good offensive team," first baseman Eric Hosmer said. "Our park, our style of play is a little different. We like to use our legs and be athletic, but when we come to some of these parks where the fences aren't as deep we've got some guys that can put the ball in the seats."

Blue Jays fans had seen enough after Cain's two-run single in the eighth, turning their ever-optimistic cheers to jeers when Mark Lowe replaced Ryan Tepera.

The 36-year-old Chris Young bested Dickey, 40, in a bookish matchup of veteran starters - only the pairing of the Yankees' Randy Johnson and Detroit's Kenny Rogers in the 2006 ALDS tops the duo for combined age.

But just like his counterpart's effort in Game 4 of the Division Series against Texas, the 6-foot-10 Young was lifted one out shy of qualifying for a victory when Ned Yost went to his bullpen with a runner on first with two outs in the fifth. Yost wasn't willing to take any chances against Josh Donaldson, who already had an RBI double.

"It's not about personal stuff," Young said. "It's just feels great to contribute to such a great team win."

Dickey never had a chance to get that first playoff victory in a

13-year big league career.

Escobar got a hit leading off for the fourth straight game, starting this one with a bunt down the third-base line. Zobrist connected for his first homer of the ALCS.

Rios homered in the second for a 5-0 lead. Booed all series by his old fans, he didn't get any extra satisfaction out of the hit.

"It's just another team we have to go out and beat," Rios said.

After Dickey hit Escobar with a pitch - a call that needed replay review to get it right - he walked Cain one out later and was done after 1 2-3 innings.

Young used that steep arm angle to outwit the powerful Jays, who were 53-28 at home in the regular season but just 11-14 with the roof closed—which it was Tuesday.

He held them hitless until Ryan Goins' one-out single in the third. Donaldson drove

him home with a ground-rule double down the left-field line on an 83 mph slider. Jose Bautista added an RBI grounder to close the gap to 5-2 and get those white towels twirling at Rogers Centre.

But Luke Hochevar, Ryan Madson, Kelvin Herrera and Franklin Morales shut down the Blue Jays the rest of the way.

Kansas City's four-spot in the seventh to made it 9-2. Escobar and Hosmer had sacrifice flies to deep center, Cain singled to extend his postseason hitting streak to 13 games and Alex Gordon scored on Tepera's wild pitch.

Cain hit a two-run single in the eighth, and Escobar drove in two off Pennington in the ninth.

"We feel good. We like the way we're playing right now," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "Our offense has been really, really good."

Storeowner apologizes for NBA player being refused service



ST. FRANCIS, Wis. (AP)—Milwaukee Bucks player John Henson said Tuesday that the owner of a Wisconsin jewelry store where he says employees racially profiled him apologized for what happened.

Henson said Thomas Dixon, owner of Schwanke-Kasten Jewelers in suburban Whitefish Bay, met with him at the team's training facility. Henson said employees on Monday refused to let him in the store, then called police.

"He knew that shouldn't have happened," said Henson, who is black. "He'd had some prior incidents but it still doesn't make it right for them to do what they did. It's a real issue today but right now, I want to focus on the game tonight and there will be time to talk about it later. I am going to do some things to raise awareness of situations like that and go from there."

Henson posted an account of the encounter on Instagram, saying he intended to look at a watch at the store but that workers locked the door during normal business hours and told him to leave.

Henson said he was then

questioned by police officers about the vehicle he was driving and what he wanted to purchase. He called what happened "degrading."

Whitefish Bay Police said it had advised the store to call police if a Red Chevrolet Tahoe like Henson's arrived there after one parked outside the store days earlier raised suspicions that its plates were stolen. The statement also said the store had previously been robbed and on Friday had closed down early after repeated suspicious calls about its closing time.

Officers were sent to the store Monday afternoon "as the Red Tahoe had returned," the statement said. The officers talked to Henson, including questioning him about the dealer plates on his Tahoe, then requested that the employees open the door, it said.

Henson said in his post that the car was part of an endorsement deal with a Chevrolet dealer.

The officers who questioned Henson never asked for his ID and left the area after the store reopened, according to the statement.

The Bucks released a statement Monday afternoon calling what happened "very

troubling."

"Nobody should be treated that way. We are trying to contact the store directly," the statement said.

Calls to reach Dixon at his two Milwaukee-area stores were not immediately returned.

Dixon told WISN-TV that what happened was a misunderstanding that had to do with Henson's vehicle, not his race. He also later issued a statement to multiple local media outlets, saying that the business regrets how the encounter unfolded and that he wanted to apologize personally to Henson.

Dixon said in his statement Monday night, "We all agree that racial profiling is never acceptable and deeply regret how the circumstances unfolded."

Henson didn't intend for his social media post to go viral but was pleased that it drew attention to the bigger problem and hopes to use it as teaching tool.

"I tried to react the right way and get my message out without getting over-emotional," Henson said. "There have been a few requests for me to come into schools and talk about what happened and help them understand how to react and how not to react. 'If



AP
Milwaukee Bucks' John Henson shoots during warm ups before an NBA basketball game against the Minnesota Timberwolves Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015, in Madison, Wis.

Last semis game reset to Saturday



Red Rice will have to wait for a couple of more days to determine its finals foe in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League as yesterday's semis game between Makalaro Lang and Mamba was suspended anew due to rain.

League coordinator Elmer Esdrelon said the Makalaro Lang-Mamba duel for the second and last finals berth will be played this Saturday, weather permitting. If the Final Four pairing will be rained-out for the third time, it will be rescheduled for Sunday, while the winner-take-all title match will be held on Oct. 31.

The Makalaro Lang-Mamba semis encounter was originally set for last Saturday, but was cancelled due to Tropical Storm

Champi, while the Final Four pairing between Red Rice and Pasion De Amor went ahead last Sunday. Red Rice downed Pasion De Amor, 91-77, to notch the first finals ticket. Pasion De Amor, Red Rice, and Mamba made it to the semifinals after surviving their first playoff round assignments, while Makalaro Lang bagged the outright Final Four berth for topping the single-elimination round with its 6-2 record.

Week 2 soccer games moved to Nov. 21

Meanwhile, Northern Mariana Islands Football Association is planning to hold on Nov. 21 the 2015 NMIFA Youth Fall League's Week 2 matches that were suspended because of Tropical Storm Champi.

Games will be played in the same venue and schedule with

the girls U15 matches that feature the pairings of Matansa-Shirleys, MP United-Tan Holdings, and Paire-Kanoa to take place at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Boys U15 teams Shirley's and Paire will also play at Hopwood, while the Matansa-Tan Holdings 2 and MP United-Tan Holdings 1 tiffs will be played at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. In the U18 division, Paire and Matansa will collide in the first match at the Oleai pitch, while Tan Holdings and MP United will take center stage in the second game. Back at Hopwood, Kanoa will face Paire at Pitch 1 for the co-ed U12A division, while Pitch 2 will have the game between MP United and Tan Holdings.

NMIFA will follow the remaining schedule of matches in the competitive age group contests. *(Roselyn B. Monroyo)*

GMI

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Ferrera returned the leather to GMI Market and Donnel Isip sealed the win for the latter with his layup, just less than 10 seconds remaining in the match.

Meanwhile, in the U18 division, Judith's Warriors bounced back from their debut loss to GMI Market (77-86) following their 20-point winning margin against the then unbeaten Ferrara.

Judith's Warriors began establishing a double-digit lead in the third period en route to handing Ferrara its first loss in

three games. Mike Arciaga anchored the breakaway, dropping 13 of his game-high 30 points in the pivotal third to turn Judith's Warriors' 48-41 halftime advantage to a 76-60 spread, entering the final canto.

It was cruise control for Judith's Warriors from thereon with Arciaga's teammates stepping up in the fourth frame to keep their big lead.

U18

Judith's Warriors 95 – Arciaga 30, Sto. Domingo 15, Malonzo 14, Factor 13, Flores 11, Deocares 2.

Ferrera 75 – C. Bondoc 17,

Leyco 14, F. Bondoc 13, Castro 12, Toves 7, Amos 4, A. Tabora 3, E. Tabora 2.

Scoring by quarters: 34-33, 48-41, 76-60, 95-75.

Open

GMI Market 89 – Jon Santos 18, Doseo 18, Je. Santos 13, Hockett 11, Babauta 7, Isip 7, Kaipat 7, John Santos 5, Deleon Guerrero 3.

Ferrera 82 – Mortos 19, Paraiso 11, Mina 11, Lontoc 10, Serrano 10, E. Reyes 8, Salalila 5, Iglecias 4, Pollisco 2, J. Reyes 2.

Scoring by quarters: 10-15, 29-26, 48-56, 89-82.

SGA monthly tournaments Sunday



The Saipan Golfers Association will be holding its September and October Ace of the Month on Sunday, Oct. 25, at Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

SGA members are advised to arrive on time at 8:30am with tee time set at 9:30am.

The monthly tournaments was originally scheduled last Sunday, Oct. 18, but COP's golf course closed at 12 noon.

SGA secretary Frances Sa-

blan apologized to their members who came out ready to play last Sunday.

Up for grabs are two more slots on SGA's yearend tournament.

Attorney General Ed Manibusan (January), John "Nani" Cruz (February), Larry I. Deleon Guerrero (March), SGA president Jung Eun Teack (April), Alex Tudela (May), and Juan Lizama (June) already earned berths to the January finals.

The list does not include the July and August winners.

SGA's monthly tournament was cancelled for more than two months after Typhoon Soudelor damaged the golf courses where the group usually plays.

One by one Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's east and west courses, Coral Ocean Point, and Marianas Country Club opened after their respective staff cleared the debris that littered their facilities. Kingfisher Golflinks is still closed as of press time. *(Jon Perez)*

ROGOLIFOI

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last 120 days, granted that there won't be further delays—like rain or typhoons—on the project.

Bob Jones is the project manager assigned to oversee the entire process and he had already inspected the rubber surface last September or more than a month after Typhoon Soudelor battered Saipan.

"Bob is an expert in supervising this kind of project. He has years of experience in dealing with track oval repairs and resurfacing," Rogolifo said.

He added that Jones also suggested to retain the pink color of the rubber surface and not blue

as earlier planned by NMSA officials.

"Bob suggested that we keep the pinkish hue of the track surface. He is not in favor of using the color blue. It would really be nice if the track surface is blue in color, it would be just like the CNMI flag. But he is the expert," said Rogolifo.

The project, which was originally planned to finish in the middle of this year, had already encountered delays. It was again postponed after the entire track facility suffered damage after several typhoons passed through Saipan.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency had already inspected the entire Oleai

Sports Complex, including the track facility.

NMSA would receive a federal grant from FEMA to repair the damage and conduct other renovation and improvement.

The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. is funding the Oleai track facility's resurfacing project through a Community Development Block Grant.

Resurfacing is needed on the track after bubbles and black patches formed around the facility.

NMSA is the sub recipient of \$965,000 where 80 percent of the amount is allocated for resurfacing and 20 percent—or \$193,000—will be allotted for administrative work.

2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League

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Pasion De Amor's Nestor Arreza pulls up for a jumper against Kidlat's Roy Hernandez during their regular season game in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League at the Navy Hill court.



Pasion De Amor's Bart Demapan, second from right, uses his left arm to reach for the ball, as he is held down by Makalaro Lang's Ernie Moises in this rebound play.



Purple Rain's Bruce Berline, left, and Bong Malasarte, box out Makalaro Lang's Raymond Velasco, partly hidden, as Matt Buenabajo releases his second free throw.



Eh Di Wow's Leo Itaas loses his balance after banging into the defense of Oh My J's Ronald Hilario.



Mamba's Brendon Talania splits the defense of Purple Rain's R.J. Reyes, left, and Kevin Leomo.



Makalaro Lang's Errol Pardo unloads his patented fadeaway jumper against Pasion De Amor's Noel Conti.



Kidlat's Justin Zapanta goes up for a jump-hook against Hard Kulangot's J.R. Barrios.



Red Rice's Angelo Fernando attempts a baseline jumper against Pasion De Amor's Elmer Esdreton, right, and Rey Pestillos, left.



Mamba's Stephen Tolosa goes for a shot in the paint against Oh My J's Junar Guiab.



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GMI Market, Judith's Warriors win

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Judith's Warriors and GMI Market recorded contrasting wins in their respective divisions in the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League.



In the U18 pairing last Tuesday at the San Antonio court, Judith's Warriors crushed Ferrera Builders, 95-75, while in the open division match last Sunday, GMI Market pulled off a come-from-behind win against Ferrera, 89-82.

GMI Market prevailed in the

battle of debuting teams after overhauling an 8-point deficit in the fourth quarter. Jesse Paul Doseo led GMI's Market recovery, as he knocked in 14 of his 18 points in the final canto with his last basket in the game giving his team its first taste of the lead since the second canto, 82-81, going into the final one and a half minutes of the match.

Three straight points from burly forward Michael Babauta made it an 85-81 advantage for GMI Market before a split from Rolly Paraiso brought Ferrera within 3, 82-85. Paraiso muffed his second charity, but Ferrera got the offensive rebound for a chance to move closer with a quick 2. However, J.R. Mina opted for a triple and hit an airball. This time GMI Market controlled the rebound with Jesse Santos on the finishing end, making a fastbreak layup against the former to up their lead to two possessions, 87-82, down to 30.1 seconds.

Another missed triple from

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Tilipao is MGA's September Ace



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Pacific Games veteran Louie Tilipao bested a strong field of Marianas Golf Association members to clinch the MGA September Ace of the Month held last Oct. 3 at the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Tilipao, who was part of the four-member CNMI team that participated in the XV Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea last July, carded a 5-under 67 to beat MGA tournament director Chandler DeLoatch by one stroke who finished with a 68.

The veteran par-buster started the back nine with a 4-over 40 and ended the front with a 3-over 39 for a gross score of 79. And with a 12 handicap he came up with a 67 net.

DeLoatch, an 18 handicapper, fired rounds of 47 and 39 for an 86 gross and 68 net, while Harry Nakamura, with a six handicap, was eight shots back with a 76 (38-44, 82).

Tilipao was also the closest to the pin at No. 7, while MGA president J.J. Atalig duplicated the feat on holes No. 3 and 13. Nakamura won No. 17.

Tilipao now joins past monthly winners like Nakamura (January), Calvin Yamagishi (February), Jess Seman (March), Martin Naputi (April), Jenny Hegland (May), DeLoatch (June), Jay Muna (July), and MGA Secretary Geri Dela Cruz (August).

MGA was a bit behind with its monthly tournament after Typhoon Soudelor caused damage to the four golf courses on Saipan—Coral Ocean Golf Resort, Kingfisher Golflinks,

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Marianas Golf Association president J.J. Atalig watches the direction of his chip shot in the fairway during their club's September Ace of the Month last Oct. 3 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, and Marianas Country Club.

The MGA will be holding its October Ace of the Month on Oct. 24 at MCC in Marpi with a 9am show time and 10am tee time.

Joey Dela Cruz (vice president), James Benavente (treasurer, and Jerry Ayuyu (handicap chairman) join Atalig, Dela Cruz, and DeLoatch as MGA officers.



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GMI Market's Jesse Santos takes off for a layup against Ferrera Builders' J.R. Mina during the closing seconds of their open division game in the San Antonio caging last weekend at the San Antonio basketball court.

Rogolifoi hopes shorter period for track resurfacing

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Tony Rogolifoi is hoping the project of replacing the rubber surface of the Oleai track oval would be completed in a shorter period so that CNMI athletes

could again use the facility for training.

NMSA is looking forward that the project would start either in December or January so that it would be done by April 2016.

"Once we get the green light to start the project, we will be closing the entire facility. Right now there are still people who run or walk at



the oval. We're expecting the whole process to be done quickly," said Rogolifoi.

"We're going to let the contractor do everything they can to complete the project. And since it will only be replacing the surface, we expect it to be done in a shorter period."

The entire bidding process and resurfacing is expected to

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Barring further delays, the resurfacing of the Oleai track oval will start either in December or January next year. Bob Jones will supervise the resurfacing as project manager.